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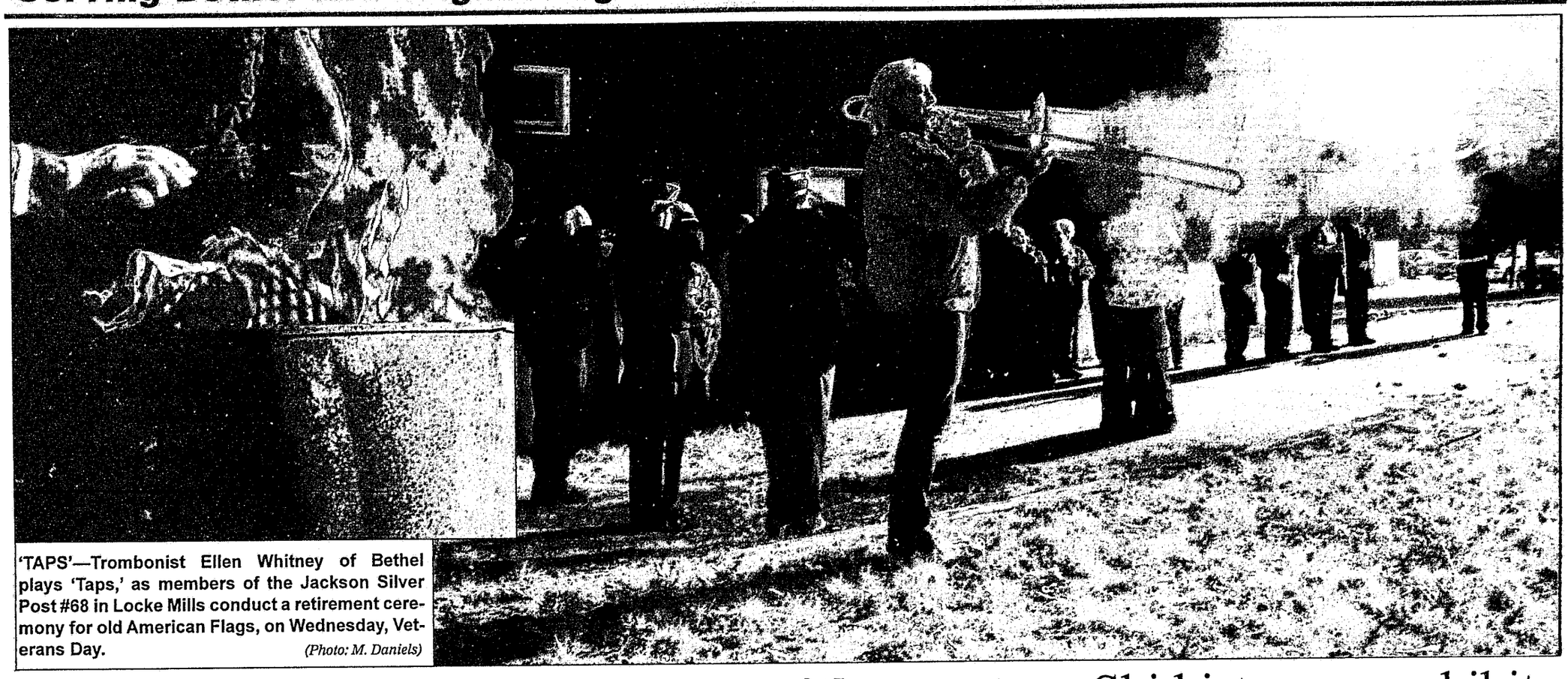

'TAPS'—Trombonist Ellen Whitney of Bethel plays 'Taps,' as members of the Jackson Silver Post #68 in Locke Mills conduct a retirement ceremony for old American Flags, on Wednesday, Veterans Day. *(Photo: M. Daniels)*

Bethel selectmen agree to meet with county and Newry on options for police coverage

By MICHAEL DANIELS

It's hardly a new question, Selectman Bob Everett conceded Monday evening, "but I think it's prudent to have the conversation."

The question: Rather than continue to have a Bethel Police Department, would it be more cost-effective and efficient to contract with Oxford County to provide 24/7 police coverage for Bethel, perhaps combined with a stepped-up level of coverage for nearby Newry?

Selectmen from the two towns, along with the Bethel Budget Committee, will meet Nov. 23 to take up a proposal from Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant outlining how the county might go about providing such a service, and what it would cost.

Deja Blue

The question has bubbled to the surface of public debate here before, most notably in 1987 and 2003.

In both instances the town's selectmen and Budget Committee, after looking into the options, ended up recommending the town switch to contracted county coverage.

And in both instances voters declined. Neither vote was close.

'What on earth is wrong with having our own Police Department? You need a presence in a town like this that's growing, that has so many diversified enterprises. It's a service-related town, you've got umpteen bars and places serving liquor.'

ERIC WIGHT

Maine Game Warden (Ret.), former Bethel Police Chief

At Monday's selectmen's meeting Don Bennett said he believed the matter had been laid to rest.

"This reminds me of John Head [the late chairman of the Bethel Water District] saying: 'Why the hell are we doing this again, trying to do away with the Water District? We've done it three or four times and it comes out the same every time.'"

"It seems to me it's the same thing here," Bennett said.

"My sense is, based on pure history and the people who talked to me today, we can explore all we want to, but when we get up to the Town Meeting you're going to find out that people want their police force.

"That will be the outcome ultimately," Bennett said, "and that is what I will support."

Eric Wight, who became Bethel Police Chief in 1988, after retiring from the Maine Warden Service, agreed.

"What on earth is wrong with having our own Police Department?" he asked.

"You need a presence in a town like this that's growing, that has so many diversified enterprises. It's a service-re-

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Ski history on exhibit at BHS starting Nov. 21

By ALISON ALOISIO

From the 1940s rope tow on Vernon Street in Bethel to the chondola at Sunday River, a new Bethel Historical Society ski exhibition will chronicle skiing history in the region.

The exhibition, entitled "Sunday River, Mt. Abram and More! Celebrating the Skiing Heritage of the Bethel Area," will open Nov. 21.

Ski 'Oral History Night' is tonight.

The display will include photos, old ski equipment, skiing advertisements, tickets and other memorabilia.

The exhibition commemorates the 50th anniversaries of Sunday River and Mt. Abram ski areas.

Sunday River's 50th is this year, while Mt. Abram celebrates that anniversary in 2010.

Cross-country skiing displays will also be included, as well as information on the history of skiing in Maine, which dates back to the 1870s.

The exhibition will open with a lecture by Scott Andrews, a Portland-based ski journalist and board member of the Ski Museum of Maine.

"Schussboom and Schuss-bust: Maine Skiing's Fast-paced Growth and Face-plants, 1945-2009" will look at the successes of Sunday River, Mt. Abram and Black Mountain of Rumford, as well as ski areas that have ceased operating, such as Evergreen Valley in Stoneham.

The exhibition will run through May 31, 2011, at the Robinson House

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Open House Sunday for Andoclock's 100th

"Clock started Nov. 15, 1909 at 4:50 p.m." reads a handwritten note on the wall of the clock tower in Andover.

On Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, Andover will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its E. Howard clock, which sits atop the Town Hall.

An open house is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. at the hall.

And thanks to the note, written by clockwinder Phil Learned, the celebration will take place within two hours of the moment 100 years ago

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Plan for Gehring House apartments and condos approved

By ALISON ALOISIO

A project to convert Bethel's historic Gehring House to six apartments, and to build condominium duplexes behind it, has received the approval of the Planning Board.

The renovation of the 1896 home will also take place with the blessing of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, which reviewed the proposal.

Projects involving older homes are the specialty of developer Paul Boghossian of Kennebec Land Co. LLC.

"I'm a history buff," said Boghossian last week. "It's in my blood."

One of his best-known projects, the redevelopment of the Hathaway mill in Waterville into the Hathaway Center, recently won the Maine Historic Preservation Commission's annual State Preservation Award.

The center mixes residential and commercial space over 450,000 square feet.

A graduate of Colby College, Boghassian has long had a connection to the Waterville area.

Grounds expanded

The Gehring plan, originally conceived for 2.5 acres around the old home, expanded to approximately seven acres with the purchase of two surrounding parcels.

Behind the house will be a spacious common. Facing it on each of two sides will be two duplex, town-house style condominiums.

A new carriage house for parking will also include a condo unit.

"The architecture will be based on the Gehring house and other houses in the area," said Boghossian. "It will feel more like an estate than a development."

To convert the Gehring House into apartments will require very little alteration, he

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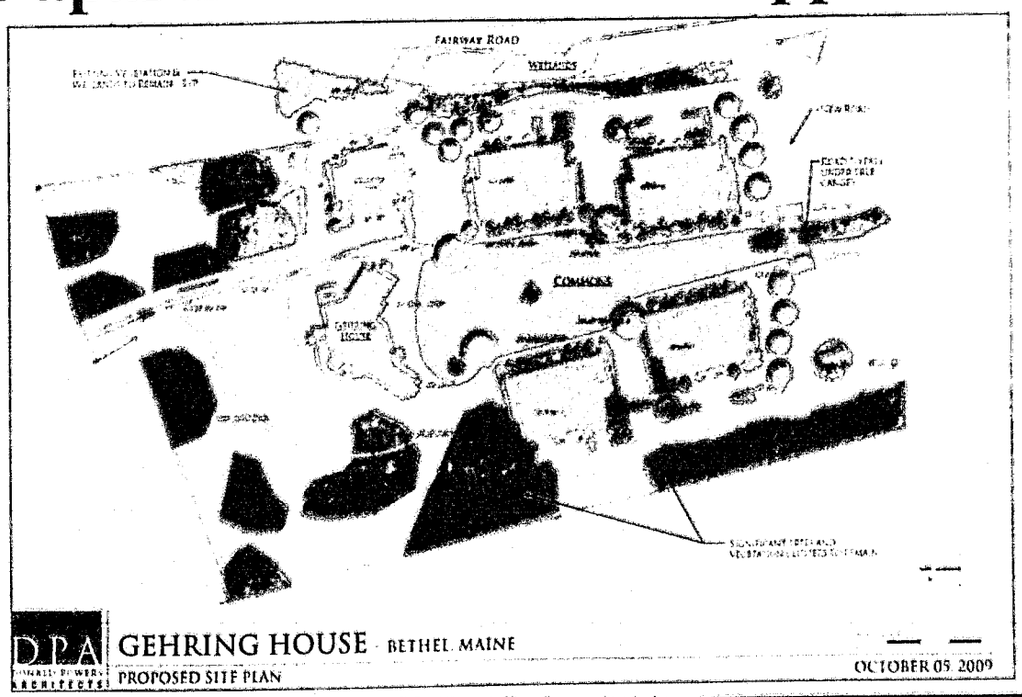

19TH and 21ST CENTURIES COME TOGETHER—A project to convert the 1896 Gehring House to apartments and build several new condominiums on a seven-acre parcel around it was recently approved by the Bethel Planning Board.

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Letters

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CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

To the Editor:

For the 23rd consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Bethel will once again sponsor its annual Christmas For Children program. Since 1987, this worthwhile project has helped to provide important assistance during the holiday season for many needy children and families who live in the SAD44 area.

Anyone interested in donating to this effort is urged to send his or her contribution to: Rotary Club of Bethel Christmas For Children, c/o Dean Walker, Treasurer, PO Box 471, Bethel, ME 04217.

Requests for assistance may be mailed to: David Murphy, 844 Mayville Road, Bethel, ME 04217.

Requests may also be dropped off at any school office in SAD44. Please note that assistance is provided only to families who reside in the SAD44 area and requests can only be accepted from the parents of the children. The Rotary Club is pleased to be able to assist families with children up to and including high school age.

All requests must include the name and age of each child. A telephone number and mailing address should also be included.

Once again this year, Rotarians will also be collecting donations at the Bethel Shop n' Save on several Saturdays between now and the holidays.

On behalf of the entire Rotary Club of Bethel, I would like to thank the community for the ongoing generosity and support it has shown for this program over the many years of its existence.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!

Scott Hynek
President, Rotary Club of Bethel

'ACAPPELLA GRILL'

To the Editor:

The Mollyockett Chorus will be performing on Saturday evening in Bingham Auditorium at Gould Academy.

The fall show, "Acappella Grill," will include a repertoire of special arrangements of today's ballads, upbeat songs and popular show tunes.

Also singing in the show will be a favorite quartet, Meant to Be.

The Mollyockett Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, has members from Oxford, Androscoggin and Cumberland counties.

Sweet Adelines International is a worldwide organization of over 600 choruses and 1,200 quartets who sing exciting acappella, four-part harmony music, barbershop style. Members from the Bethel area include Deb Luxton, Andrea Bennett, Merry Child, Janet Coverdale, Jolan Ippolito, Marge Kimball and Bonnie Fox.

Joining the Mollyockett Chorus on stage for two special numbers will be the Gould Academy chorus.

Please join all of us on Saturday, 7 p.m., in Bingham Auditorium at Gould Academy and "see what's cooking" at the Acappella Grill. Tickets are available at the door. Unable to make the evening performance? There is a matinee at Poland High School at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Deb Luxton
Mollyockett Chorus Member

LITTER PATROL CLEANS UP

To the Editor:

If you have traveled the Gore Road or Route 232 in the past few months you may have noticed that the roadsides have been clear of all that trash that kept piling up deeper and deeper. There is a force on the move that has been attacking the litter with a vengeance.

We are an informal organization of citizens who informally call ourselves the "Litter Patrol." There are people, such as Lois Day on the Gore Road who have done this for years and we ask for no special recognition, just that you will all enjoy your ride to work or the market a little more without all that annoying trash by the roadside.

We do not have meetings, dues or bylaws. All you have to do to be a member is take a walk anywhere and carry a trash bag (rubber gloves are advised). Bottles may be donated to a worthy cause.

The following people have been active in Woodstock: Donna Lowe and Mary Brown on the Gore Road, Peggy Tripp and Marilyn Howe on Birch Street and Church Street, Nancy Willard at the Boat Landing, Time Buck and George Hooper on Route 26, Sue Ellis and her helpers, Nick Johnson, Sean Baumgartel, Sean Kneeland, and Fred Johnson, Ruth Feeney and Norma Davis on Route 232.

There are other routes that could be covered and if you are so inclined to join this effort you can just do it or better yet, speak with any of the above "members" and adopt a section near your house or a route that you travel.

The ideal contribution that one could make is to take that trash home with you and dispose of it properly. Unfortunately, I am guessing that those individuals who throw out all that trash are not reading this letter.

Hoping you can join us,

Ruth Feeney (for the Litter Patrol)
Bryant Pond

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'YES' ON GREENWOOD ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

Next week the voters of Greenwood will be deciding whether or not to enact a land use ordinance. The ordinance will not prevent building on ridgelines. It will, instead, state how building can be done on ridgelines. This is so everyone's view is preserved.

One of the questions people have asked about this ordinance is how it will affect taxes. This covers two tax concerns: 1) Will personal property taxes rise? and 2) Will the town lose tax revenue?

1) According to assessors as well as officials in towns that have ridgeline ordinances, property taxes for the average taxpayer are not affected by ridgeline ordinances. On the other hand, homeowners in towns that have adopted such an ordinance have found that their homes are worth more when they go to sell them. Nice benefit!

Home buyers are willing to pay a premium for the protection afforded by a ridgeline ordinance. As with property protected by the shoreland ordinance, a ridgeline ordinance will prevent neighbors from such practices as clear cutting, will provide more privacy, and will allow all of us to enjoy beautiful views.

2) As for town revenue, again, town officials who deal with ridgeline ordinances have seen increased revenues. This is due to the desirability of having a ridgeline home in a town that protects its ridgelines. Ridgeline homes are expensive to build and it is only the well-to-do who build them. These homes have a high value and bring in more property tax revenue than the average home. Greenwood could stand to gain in tax revenues with a ridgeline ordinance.

As Kim Sparks, Greenwood town manager, has stated, 83 percent of Greenwood's land is in tree farm growth. This category is at a very low taxation rate.

There will be no impact on property values and tax revenues until some of these parcels are sold and comparable sales data become available. If some of this land was taken out of tree growth and used for appropriate ridgeline development, property values and town tax revenues could increase.

An opponent of the land use ordinance stated at the public hearing last month that the town would need a full-time code enforcement officer if the ordinance is passed. Unlikely. I doubt we will see any great influx of people rushing to build on the Greenwood ridgelines. On the other hand, if we do have dozens of people clamoring to build million-dollar ridgeline homes, just think of the increased tax revenue to the town. We could even give our CEO a raise and repair the Greenwood road!

For the above reasons, I urge every Greenwood voter to vote on Nov. 18 to adopt the Land Management Standards Ordinance and Overlays.

Betsey Foster
Greenwood

PRESERVE OUR RIGHTS AS PROPERTY OWNERS

To the Editor:

How can the Greenwood planning board members consciously feel "good" with taking away what few rights we as landowners have left? It's wonderful for them and anyone else who wants to pass this land ordinance that they have everything they want in a home, and of course don't live in any of the "hillside or mountainous districts" listed in the new ordinances, or own property there. But they are willing to take away their neighbors' "rights" to build a home on their own property, because it might be a "visual" eyesore to them.

To the people up around the ponds who want to preserve your "visual quality," maybe you would be interested in paying the taxes for those property owners, because if these ordinances pass, then some, if not all of the property will be worthless, whether it be one of your Greenwood neighbor's or an "outsider" who bought that land. They do own it and may not be able to build on it, or even sell it if they happen to need money in these economically hard times, because who would want to buy it, if they can't build on it.

Maybe some of the landowners are voicing some hostilities about these ordinances, because they are engaging some of the few "rights" they will actually have left if this is passed. In Mr. Stewart's article a few weeks ago, he stated that the ordinance isn't meant to "prohibit or impede development," but in fact it is, according to the "ridgeline and hillside overlay district" ordinance under "standards" section h (a) any house lot that has not already been approved for development by the Oxford County Registry, prior to this ordinance passing will not be allowed. Also under the "standards" section-2 (f) all building "materials," "exterior" colors (which must, I guess, be of dark nature, so it will "blend" into the area so nobody else can see it), all "fenestrations" (which means the design and positioning of your doors and windows) all are at the discretion of the board members, along with not being able to put in what kind of outside lighting fixtures you want — you cannot have any "sharp cut-off lighting fixtures — because you need to minimize your visibility to other people.

We may need our one-page land ordinance (that has been in effect forever) revamped and maybe a few "environmentally friendly" additions need to be added, but not in the manner some of the board members are intending.

This may have taken five years to come about, so what is a few more months, whatever time, it takes to make these ordinances, "fairer" to "all" Greenwood citizens and property owners alike.

Please as a lifelong Greenwood resident and taxpayer, I urge you to come out and vote against these ordinances on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., to "preserve" our rights as property owners in Greenwood. Thank you.

Mary Field
Greenwood

A PEEK AT GREENWOOD'S FUTURE

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the residents of Greenwood will have their chance to vote on the proposed Land Management Standards Ordinance.

A lot of time and effort by a number of people has gone into this document. It deserves the consideration of the Greenwood voters.

Out-of-town interests have been very vocal in trying to get this ordinance voted down.

We are fortunate to have a preview of what hillside development might look like. Just head south from Bethel toward Locke Mills, and as you crest Blake Hill, it is there for all to observe. Is this what you want Greenwood's hillsides to look like? That is the question you should be asking yourself.

The Greenwood Selectboard voted to put this forward, so that the voters could have their say. Please attend and help decide the future of Greenwood.

Arnold Jordan
Selectman, Town of Greenwood

PUBLIC ACCESS A THING OF THE PAST?

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the residents of Greenwood will have an opportunity at their Town Meeting to keep the independent nature of the town or change its character to one where governmental control may be the mainstay. According to a letter written to the editor on Oct. 29 by Henry Stewart, the town of Greenwood has been struggling to develop a comprehensive plan which would include multiple overlays restricting the use of land at an elevation of 660 feet or more.

The town's firehouse sits at an elevation of approximately 720 feet. These overlays will control the subdivision of land and construction of homes. At a glance, this sounds like a wonderful idea; however, if you own land and want to sell it or even give parcels of that land to your children, you may find that it is very difficult or impossible to do because of the regulations. You will find yourself being told where on the property you can build, how large a house you can build and how much land you can clear.

In Mr. Stewart's letter, he said "Opponents spread wild speculations of dire consequences that would befall the town if the ordinance were enacted. At least one large landowner told snowmobilers that if they voted for the ordinance, his trails would be closed."

This is not a speculation. This is the truth. As the local snowmobile club that is responsible for maintaining almost 100 miles of trail, of which over 35 miles lie within the borders of the town of Greenwood, we have been informed by several large and small landowners accounting for several thousands of acres over which our trails run, that we will not have access to the land on the morning of the 19th should the ordinance pass. Gates have been purchased and installed. The land will be posted not just for snowmobilers but for all public use.

If you hunt, like to hike, snowshoe or participate in any other activity on land that has been open for public recreation, be prepared to look elsewhere. Most Greenwood residents have not only come to expect this open-land policy but have taken this for granted.

Alan Hamilton at the public hearing had mentioned that this was just sour grapes and we would find a way around these landowners.

This is not sour grapes. The landowners will be exercising their right to post their land and exclude others since the land is private property. We are not entitled to use it. It is not our right to use it. It is an honor to be able to use it. For hundreds of years, landowners in Maine have allowed the public to enjoy their land. If approved by the residents of Greenwood, the ordinances will have far-reaching ramifications and "preserving the hills as scenery," as Alan Hamilton said, will be the least of the problems.

You as residents of Greenwood need to vote according your sound minds as well as your eyes as you look at hills around you.

Are you willing to have someone tell you what you can or cannot do with the land that you own?

Are you willing to forgo access to land that you have come to rely on for your own recreation? As Mr. Stewart said, "at last, the citizens of Greenwood will finally have the opportunity to determine the land-use policy for our community." Please don't ignore such an important issue. Go vote.

Edie Okenquist
Secretary, Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Approximately $800 worth of food, including frozen goods, was taken in a burglary at the District Exchange food pantry.

Larry Davis reported seeing over 250 gray loons in front of his camp on Umbagog Lake.

New residents at Gould Academy's student-constructed barn were twin Holstein steers, Jake and Duke, purchased at the Fryeburg Fair.

Birth: Rilynn Pauline Snow.

Deaths: Warren A. Keddy, Lillian Eaton, Michael P. DuBois.

20 years ago: The Maine Historic Preservation Commission voted in favor of increasing the size of Bethel's National Historic District.

The SAD44 Board of Directors opted to have the school district pick up the tab for most of the Sophomore Class Outward Bound camping trip.

Scores of friends and relatives turned up at the West Paris Grange Hall to help Nestor and Katie Tamminen celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Birth: Patrick William Milligan.

Death: Clifford "Joe" Hillier.

30 years ago: Eldon C. Bartlett, Bryant Pond, announced that he would seek the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Oxford County.

The Bethel Recreation Board was seeking volunteers to help with an ice skating rink.

The Middle School Student Council presented Telstar with a gift of $1,000, a portion of the money earned in a recent magazine drive.

Births: Dana Ken Howe, Kenneth Walter Jodrey, Jr.

Deaths: Mrs. Gertrude E. Terry, Mrs. Ethel W. Scribner.

40 years ago: Thieves netted nearly $1,200 worth of merchandise, including guns and ammunition, in a break at Young's Western Auto on Route 26.

Birth: Brent Curtis Angevine.

Deaths: Mrs. Lucy Andrews, Robert J. Swain, James M. Loring, Jr., Kathy Ann Hazzard, Ronald L. Beaudoin, Ronald A. Mercier, Mrs. Gertrude A. Rich, Mrs. Mildred Dunham.

50 years ago: The Bethel Lions Club voted to continue their annual Christmas Street Lighting program, and was asking for contributions to help with expenses.

Irving Cole sold his place in Locke Mills to Warren Smith.

Jack Trinward, Robert Keniston and Charles Farrar spent the weekend hunting at Aziscoos Lake.

Births: Dawne Marie Kneeland, Kathy Carol Kneeland.

Deaths: Homer E. Crooker, Mrs. Estella I. Millett, Mrs. Ethel Y. Penley.

60 years ago: The Bethel booth at the Rumford hospital fair netted about $200.

Deaths: Rev. Chester B. Oliver, Mrs. Cassandra Cole.

70 years ago: Charles L. Davis suffered head injuries and bruises on his shoulder, back and knee when struck by a car in front of the Cole Block.

A young ladies society of the Bethel Methodist Church was called "Nous Jeune Filles."

The Grover Hill Road was widened by a bulldozer driven by Clayton Mills.

Dr. S. S. Greenleaf was in Boston two days to attend the dogs leaving there on the Byrd Antarctic Expedition.

80 years ago: H. I. Bean purchased $1,500 worth of furs in one day.

Deaths: Mrs. Lucretia Barker, Mrs. Lilla Morgan, Mrs. Bessie Babson.

100 years ago: Electric lights were being installed along some Bethel streets.

The auto on the stage line was taken off and replaced with horses.

Death: William O. Straw.

110 years ago: The steamers made their last trip on Umbagog Lake. Mr. Douglass' steamer had to break ice as it came up the Cambridge River to the winter dock near the Lake House.

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Gehring

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said.

The plan allows the home to keep its status on the National Register of Historic Places.

Apartments will range from one- to three-bedroom in size.

For those familiar with the home, the front hallway and stairs area, combined with an adjacent den, will serve as a common area for the apartment residents.

Filling niches

Boghossian sees his project as filling an unmet need for in-town rental property.

Some of the apartments and townhouses, he said, may go to parents of Gould Academy students.

Families that currently live outside the area may move here to allow their teens to attend the school as day students rather than boarders, he said.

Site work will begin shortly, he said, with the duplexes slated first for construction.

The Gehring conversion is expected to take place late next year, to be ready in 2011.

A cooperative effort

Al Cressy, chairman of the Planning Board, said the approval process "was a good example of abutters providing input, and the developer responding. The result was a much better one in the end."

Cressy said about a half dozen abutters provided input, and two of them, the Bethel Inn and Savage Land Development, sold Boghossian the land parcels that allowed him to expand the project.

Cressy also said the project fits well with the objectives of the town's Comprehensive Plan, addressing such goals as providing for new areas for commercial development while maintaining the economic viability of traditional commercial locations; encouraging the greatest densities of new residential development to take place in locations readily accessible to municipal services and encouraging innovative residential development techniques that conserve land and reduce construction costs.

The project, he said, "dovetails nicely with the historic district of town."

Cottages a possibility

Boghossian also expects to add another three abutting acres to the seven in the current project, and he envisions another project down the road.

"I'd like to build in-town cottages," he said.

Such a "pocket neighborhood" concept, said Boghossian, features affordable, small cottages aimed at retirees or young couples just starting out.

Clock

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when the clock marked its first second.

Today's clockwinder is Peggy Madigan, Learned's granddaughter.

Madigan said the open house will include picture displays, the original box in which the clock was shipped, a video of how the clock works, and refreshments.

The clock, manufactured by the Howard Co. of Boston, was purchased for $600 by the local branch of the King's Daughters' Society, a philanthropic organization.

Briefly

Woodstock wind project hearing

WOODSTOCK—A public hearing on Patriot Renewables LLC proposed wind turbine project on Spruce Mountain will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. The Planning Board Monday granted a waiver to allow the project to exceed the town ordinance's decibel limit of 45 decibels at property lines. The level for the wind turbines is anticipated to be 50 decibels at the nearest residential property, 2,200 feet away. A final plan for the project is expected to be submitted next spring.

H1N1 shots done in SAD44

BETHEL—SAD44 Monday completed student immunizations for the H1N1 flu, Supt. Dave Murphy told the School Board at its meeting Monday evening. Vaccine was administered to 62 percent of pupils in grades K-5, and 45 percent in 6-12. The overall absentee rate at the Telstar complex has been holding steady at 15 percent. In other business, the district hired its first-ever teacher for English as a second language. Megan Green of New York was hired for the half-time position. She will work with two elementary-age pupils who speak Spanish and Chinese, respectively.

Skatepark dinner fundraiser

BETHEL—A fundraising dinner to benefit the Bethel Skatepark will take place Nov. 16 through 20 at 22 Broad Street, the Gideon Hastings House. Dinners will be served from 5 to 10 p.m. nightly. Call 824-3496 for reservations. The servers each night are volunteering their time and their tips. Fifty percent of food sales will also go to the park. Monday's servers will be Dave Bean and Brooke Libby; Tuesday, Patricia Hicks and Mo Doyle; Wednesday, Mark Bennett and Kate Goldberg; and Thursday, Kelly Stone and Edie Doyle. Friday's servers will be a surprise.

Mollyockett Chorus here

BETHEL— The Mollyockett Chorus will perform their fall show, "Acappella Grill," on Saturday, Nov. 14. The performances will be at 7 p.m. at Gould Academy (Bingham Hall) in Bethel, and at 1:30 p.m. at the Poland Regional High School, Poland. The "Acapella Grill" menu will include the chorus singing songs from the '30s through the '90s and the quartet, "Meant To Be." The "Special" will feature selections sung by students of the local host schools. Admission is $8 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. The Mollyockett Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is comprised of woman of all ages from the Oxford, Androscoggin and Cumberland County areas who enjoy singing a cappella in the barbershop style. They rehearse every Tuesday at 6:30 in the auditorium of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Skeetfield Road, Oxford. The chorus performs regularly throughout the community, offering its talent for entertainment at civic events and charitable functions, in addition to promoting harmony and friendship among women. Contacts: Wanda Foss (375-5131), Pat Fleck (647-5005), or Bonnie Fox (928-2604). For further information check www.mollyockettchorus.org/ or visit the International website www.sweetadelineintl.org/membership-benefits.cfm.

GA skiers get early practice at SR

NEWRY—Sunday River Ski Resort has opened its lifts Wednesday and Thursday this week for Gould Competition Program athletes and some Gould ski patrollers, according to Gould spokesman Tucker Kimball. "It's a pretty nice thing to have in your backyard and it's a unique opportunity," he said. The move was prompted by a recent article that featured U.S. skier Lindsay Vonn, who grew up skiing at Vail Resort in Colorado. "Vail gave her her own private course to train on before they officially open for the season," said Kimball.

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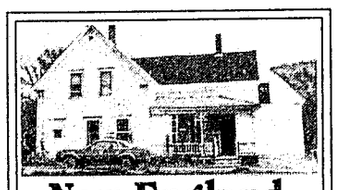

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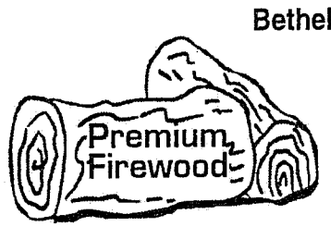

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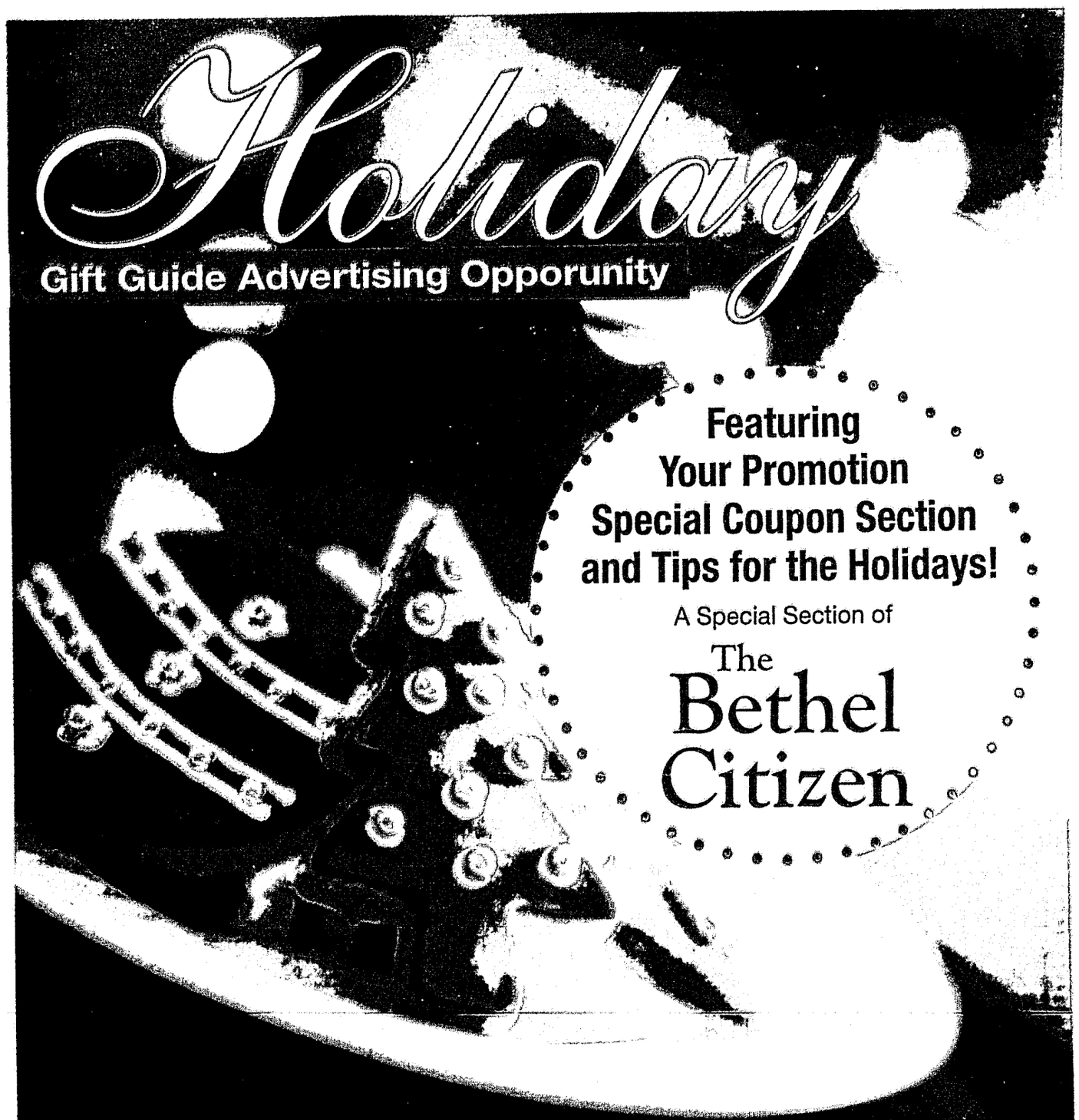

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Letters

WOULD RESTRICT THEIR RIGHTS

To the Editor:

Re: Greenwood's Proposed Land Use Ordinance

I would like to address some issues and statements brought forward by proponents of the Land Use Ordinance to be voted on next week by Greenwood voters:

1. Proponents state that if enacted this ordinance would affect "a little bit" of the current snowmobile trail system. In truth, it will eliminate all trails on private land used by sportsmen, hikers, bikers, cross-country skiers as well as snowmobilers in the town of Greenwood. These landowners own small lots of expansive tracts.

They currently generously allow public use of their lands but would no longer permit access if this ordinance passes.

Why? Because this ordinance would severely restrict these landowners' use of their own land. So, where's the incentive to open it up to public use?

2. This proposed ordinance is not state mandated but underwritten by AVCOG. In fact, it has been brought before voters in 52 other communities and defeated.

3. This ordinance has been compared to Shoreland Zoning ordinances but in effect would go far beyond that of Shoreland Zoning.

In conclusion, I urge all Greenwood voters to defeat this Land Use Ordinance.

Rick Young
Trail Coordinator, Greenstock Snowsports

SKATE PARK THANKS

To the Editor:

Mother Nature was good to us for the Opening Celebration at the new Bethel Skate Park, and so was the crowd gathered for the celebration as well as people passing by.

Kevin Thurston of Wilderness House, Home of Sunday River X-C Ski Center offered to donate 5 percent of sales between Thanksgiving and Christmas to help finish paying for the park. And Harry of Hungry Harry's offered to do a fundraiser for us as well.

Fundraising dinners at 22 Broad Street are on the calendar for Nov. 25-20. The excitement and support we've received since the park's been finished have been wonderful.

This beautiful park, providing good, healthy fun and entertainment to so many, could not be here if it weren't for the efforts of Dave Bean, Ron and Rick Savage, and Jerry Bernier. I just can't thank them enough for all they've done.

Many thanks to all the individuals, organizations and contractors who have helped. At the risk of leaving people out, I've attempted to compile a list of folks who have contributed and am sorry if I've left you out.

Many more, those names I don't know, have dropped money in donation cans, donated bottles, or picked up a rake to help, and we are thankful to you all.

Many thanks to Dave Bean, Ron and Rick Savage and their crew, Jerry Bernier, Bernier Concrete and his crew including Kenny, Axel and John, Earth Designs Associates, Dave Freiday, Ann Friedlander and Keith, Cross Excavation, Scott Cole, Don Murphy, Jim Sysko, Town of Bethel, Bethel Selectmen, Town of Newry, Bethel Rotary, Bethel Outing Club, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Tony Hawk Foundation, TD Bank, Bethel Foodliner, Good Food Store, Western Maine Supply, Sassafras Market, Kelley's, Brooks Brothers, Mouse and Bean, Wheeler Redemption, Pinnacle, Sunny Breeze, Dream Realty, Jack Frost, Barking Dawg, Great American, Bob and Terry's, True North Adventureware, Joly Drayman, 22 Broad Street, Carol Hall, Frank Lee, David Walker, Nancy Babcock, Virginia Cole, Carol Nielson, Robin Zinchuk, Beth Hodgdon, Janet Willie, Nick Ramharter, Sandy Schroeder, Mitch Lehman, The Bartlett Family, The Simard Family, The Alford Family, Maura and Peter Rodway, Dillon Gillies, The Doyle Family, Ken and Gwyneth Bohr, Susan and Bill Herlihy, Joanne and Bob Moulton, Nate Clukey, Levi Brown, Mark Kenney, Mike Rodway, Maverick Griffin, Sarah Southam, Fran Harrison, Mark Bennett, Jim Doar, Barb Russell, Kate Goldberg, Amy Lehman, John Amman, Neil Donovan, Ian Drew, Rick Young, Matt Murphy, Woody Hughes, Peter Southam, Tim Gerviss, Jack Alara, Dorval-Hallwork, Blake Wilson, Devin Moore, Blake Spesard, Troy Murphy, Laurin Parker, Mallory Turndorf, Eric Eramo, Chris Lee, Jacob Dorvak, AJ Keith, Evan Fitzgerald, Pete Rodway, Jared Rice, Ethan Phelps, Holden Beane, Zac Szalma, Coleman Gross, James Heath, Caleb Martini, Wally Holiday, Tony Parkhurst, Eric Bretton, Vance Billings, Greg Kennagh, Robbie Moulton, Tucker Harrison, Kelly Stone, Patricia Brooke-Libby, Max Southam, Kyler Walker, Sunday River Ski Resort, Mt. Abram, Wilderness House, Home of Sunday River X-C Ski Center, Hungry Harry's,65 Bob Schuesler, Bill Frongillo, Vicky Fumiani, Roger and Lillian Conant, Raymond and Aleta Prata, Carolyn and Walter Hatch, Austin, The Bethel Citizen, Sue O'Donnell, Bonnema Potters, Donald Bennett, Joseph and Mary Baldigan, David and Liz Falconer, and Francis Dumont.

Nancy Babcock
Greater Bethel Area Skate Park Committee

A CALL TO ACTION

To the Editor:

I would like to encourage the residents of Greenwood to attend the Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. to vote on the proposed Ordinances. I fear that many people do not realize that these proposed ordinances will affect them. I believe that it will affect all property owners (small and large land owners, resident or not, subdivision or private), and even those residents that rent (as I'm sure that property taxes are a factor in your rental fee). This is not intended to be a "scare tactic." I am a concerned citizen that has witnessed how these Ordinances have been presented. I have also read many articles in the newspapers and Letters to the Editor, and am disturbed by how things have been misrepresented.

I have attended many meetings concerning the Land Use Ordinance in the past nine months. The Select Board should be commended for setting up an Advisory Committee to meet with the Planning Board to suggest changes in the Ordinance due to the concerns expressed to the town at the Public Hearing on Feb. 23, and subsequent Planning Board and Selectmen's meetings. The reasons for doing so were expressed as:

1) The quality of the language (vague and contradictory), 2) Ease of Implementation (enforcement), 3) Ordinance Defendability (language — known errors).

The Advisory Committee was comprised of a Selectman, Planning Board members, and volunteers. Although not all the volunteers were residents, they were all property owners in Greenwood, with the exception of one forester that represented a property owner. One of these volunteers was my husband, David. In addition to being property owners in Greenwood, some of the members were also part of the working community. These men work with land every day. They were willing to dedicate their time and expertise, and I would like to thank them.

Sections of the Land Use Ordinance have been pulled out to be voted on separately, the Ridgeline and Hillside Overlay (previously two separate Overlays) and the Greenwood Road Overlay. It is important for people to understand that the committee voted to remove the Hillside Overlay and Greenwood Road Overlays from the Ordinance. It must have been the Planning Board or a couple of its members that have moved forward with these Overlays; bringing them to the selectmen to be placed on the Warrant for voting. I really don't know. Although the Greenwood Road Overlay was reviewed, and a few changes made, it is important to know that some of the Hillside changes voted on by the committee were reversed back to the original wording. The Ridgeline Overlay did not have a completed review because it was "controversial" and it was tabled so that they could continue reviewing the rest of the document. The committee never completed its job concerning the review because they were disbanded before they had sufficient time to do so.

Although much time has been spent on these proposed Ordinances, and I appreciate everyone's time, I feel these ordinances should not pass. I am the 12th generation in my family to work with land. I consider myself a Steward of the land. These Ordinances are a taking of people's rights and we do not need more governing. We do not need "fixing." I believe in equal rights. I do not feel I have more rights over other property owners because I had my home built first. I do not feel I have the right to tell someone where he or she can build on their land so that I won't have to see them from my home. There are already more than enough regulations governing and protecting Greenwood. If these ordinances pass, I fear that the town will end up going into litigation to defend them because they are still too vague and subjective. I also believe it will cost the town more money to implement the Ordinances. That is paid by property taxes. I pay enough taxes, thank you.

Learn more about these proposed ordinances, existing rules and regulations that already need to be complied to, ask questions, and please get out to vote on Nov. 18. Safeguard our land for future generations to enjoy.

Nancy Stearns
Greenwood Resident and Property Owner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Back in the olden times, as my grandchildren like to call my childhood years, paregoric was the over-the-counter drug of choice. I remember getting it diluted with warm water for any stomach aliment. It was also rubbed on the gums for any tooth discomfort I may be suffering.

I don't think it cured anything, I think I just got such a buzz that I didn't mind what ever was ailing me. Everyone used paregoric back then; it was good stuff!

That couldn't be said for the cure for cold sufferers though. At least in my family we had Vicks Vapor Rub put wherever it was possible and if that didn't work there were mustard plasters for severe cases. Again, I'm not sure if any of that made you better, but I can tell you when the mustard plaster went on I sure pretended to get better pretty darn quick.

That was definitely a case of the cure being worse than the illness. If you never experienced the joys of a mustard plaster on your chest, consider yourself lucky. Never have I suffered through such burning or endured such an odor that close to my nose.

Well, that was then, this is now and there are over-the-counter and prescription drugs for every possible thing a person can suffer from. I don't imagine that any of them smell or burn like a mustard plaster and that's a good thing. However, modern medicine is not without a few unpleasant side effects too.

A few years ago I came down with a bad case of strep throat. The doctor put me on an antibiotic that came in a capsule so big it felt like razor blades going down my already raw throat. Then it gave me such a severe stomachache I prayed for paregoric. The antibiotic did cure the strep throat, but I ended up with a yeast infection.

... modern medicine is not without a few unpleasant side effects too.

I've been noticing a lot of commercials on television for prescription drugs so the patient can pressure their doctors into what they think will make them better. If they listened to the commercials very carefully they might think twice before pushing their doctors into every drug they see on television.

Towards the end of the advertisements they tell you about the side effects. I've noticed that the speaker speeds up and lowers the voice at the same time. I guess this is the vocal equivalent of fine print.

One particular drug for asthma sufferers sounds like it should be just what the doctor ordered, at least until you hear about the side effects. They include upper respiratory infections, cough, breathing difficulties and heart attack.

It's probably a small percentage of people who experience the side effects, but don't asthma sufferers already have upper respiratory infections and breathing difficulties without having to worry about having a heart attack too?

During the winter one of my grandsons developed a bronchial infection, a pretty common malaise for that time of the year. The poor little guy was having a rough time of it especially not being able to sleep. The sick and exhausted child was taken to his doctor who prescribed a nebulizer type medication.

There is no question that the nebulizer helped to open the airways so he could breathe, but it did little to help his exhaustion. One of the side effects was sleeplessness and sure enough, this sick child couldn't sleep at all. He could at least breathe better while he lay awake.

There are a lot of new anti depressants on the market now that promise a better outlook on life. However, there are side effects there too. One is suicidal tendencies; not what I consider a good outlook on life. Another is a warning for men of the possible sexual side effects.

However, there are pills for that too, but not without a different type of side effects. One warning states if the desired results lasts more than four hours a visit to the doctor or emergency room is warranted. In a different publication I might elaborate on that a bit, but for now, I'll just leave it alone.

My whole point to begin with was what a long way medicine has come since the days of paregoric and mustard plasters. Great strides have been made to cure what ails you, and the way I see it, if the cures don't kill you, make you sick, cause a heart attack or stroke, then they may be just what the doctor ordered.

Super Crossword

'Sounds Right'

ACROSS
1 Williamson of "Excalibur"
6 The — Brothers
10 Urban transport
13 Get the lead out
18 Harden
19 Stallion's son
20 "Agnus —"
21 Mason's tool
22 Cat-show judge?
25 Puts aside
26 Carpenter's item
27 Cavity
28 Model boat?
30 Degrades
33 Mongoose's enemy
35 Bungle
36 One of the Marches
38 "If I — you . . ."
39 White House grp.
42 Beret kin
45 Queen of mystery
47 Tell it like it isn't
49 Winter warmer-upper
51 See 105 Down
52 Sluggishly
53 Dislike of a relative?
56 Branch
57 Swiss canton
58 "— Dawn" ('73 song)
60 Moving man?
61 Strait-laced
62 71 Across feature
63 Support
64 Not quite adult
65 Kevin of "American Beauty"
67 Renown
69 Board game
71 Casals' instrument
72 Messenger
74 "Younger — Springtime" ('49 song)
75 Exceptional
76 Be a buttinsky
79 So be it
80 Wallace of "The Princess Bride"
81 Type of orange
82 Bray beginning
83 Lion's lair
84 A different place to get married?
87 Newscaster Lesley
89 Mythical monster
90 Danger
91 UK honor
92 Steven of "Exit Wounds"
93 Comic Louis
94 JFK info
95 Literary lioness
98 Edinburgh veto
100 Westover or Tamblyn
101 Emit
103 Indiana river
105 Wood-chopping mishap?
111 Married Mlle.
113 Identical
114 Use logic
115 Like a quick-fingered poker player?
122 Chased rainbows?
123 Competitor
124 "Dies —"
125 — cotta
126 Stratum
127 TV's "Too Close — Comfort"
128 Deserve
129 Occurrence

DOWN
1 Tuck's mate
2 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
3 Mongrel
4 Rink legend
5 Bowe blows
6 Charge
7 Reformer Lucretia
8 Lilly or Mintz
9 Command at a corner
10 Perry White, for one
11 Meyerbeer's "— Huguenots"
12 Lucknow lute
13 Art Deco name
14 Carrot or parsnip
15 Crooked
16 Trickle
17 In addition
21 "For shame!"
23 "Sleeping with the —" ('91 film)
24 Mediterranean port
29 Foul
30 Charm
31 Aggressiveness on Wall Street?
32 Genesis figure
34 Suits
35 Disgusted
37 Fills to the gills
38 Moisten
40 Letters of desperation?
41 Machine part
42 Kremlin tomb?
43 Hawk's home
44 One of the Yokums
46 "Swingin' School" singer
48 Claire or Balin
50 — Impulse (suddenly)
53 Landed
54 Centipede's sensor
55 Departs
59 "My word!"
61 Chum
65 Medieval menial
66 Kindly
68 Pantry item
69 Atlas or Aznavour
70 Actress Goldie
71 Java joint
72 Wore
73 Abrasive substance
74 Bangkok native
75 Poe crow
77 Cover old ground
78 Bellows
80 Athlete's injury
81 Triangular sail
84 Mimic
85 Word with on or off
86 — degree (somewhat)
88 Skater Lipinski
92 Forms a dart
96 Trudge
97 Big rig
99 Come to
102 Employees
104 Ms. Midler
105 With 51 Across, central Asian lake
106 Lucy Lawless role
107 Shrewd
108 Land in the ocean
109 Action figure
110 Greene's "The — of the Affair"
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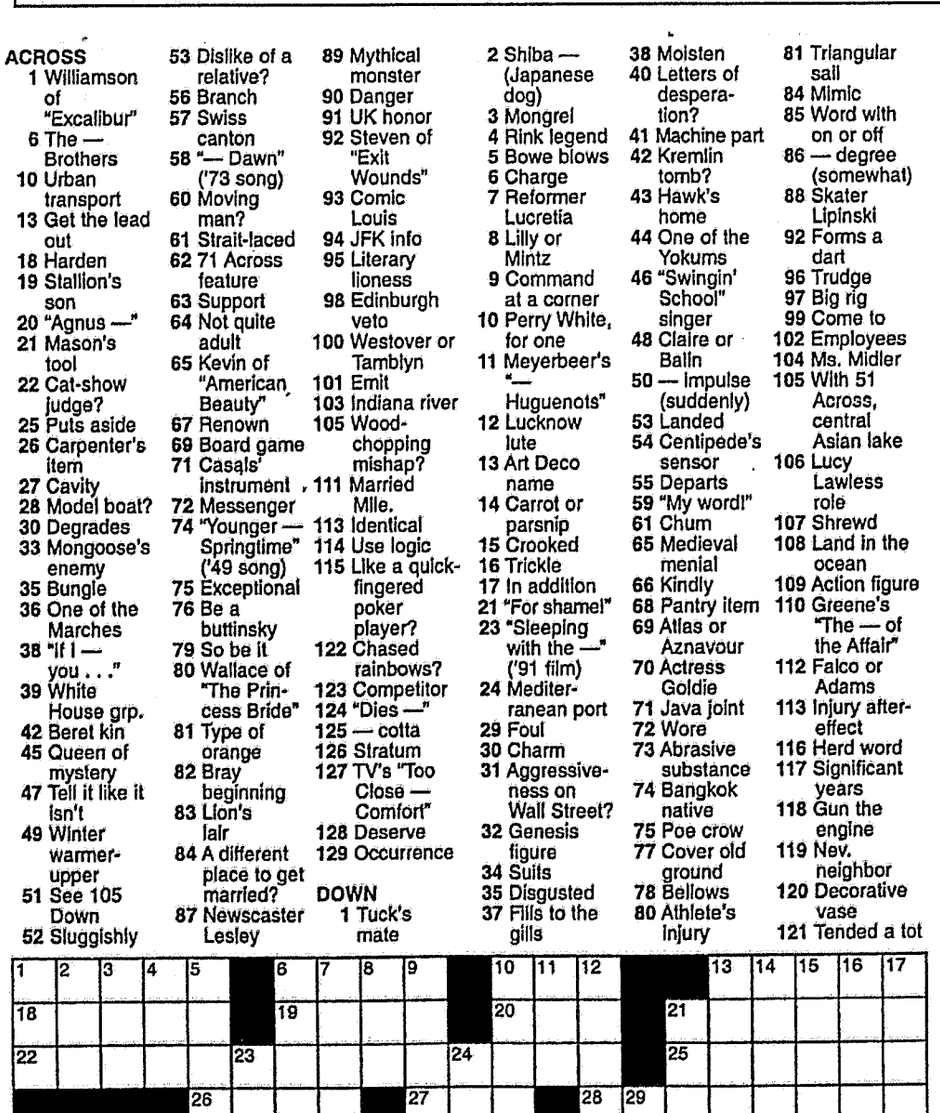

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Nov. 10

At 7:30 a.m. Sgt. S.R. White received a report of a traffic offense at a school. A driver was warned.

At 9:30 a.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to Mason Street for a domestic incident in progress. Brendan Escobar and Jennie Vickers were both arrested for domestic violence assault.

Sunday, Nov. 8

At 10:30 a.m. Officer Jason Goff received a report of a burglary on the Will View Road. There was forced entry and personal items were removed from a residence. The case is under investigation.

At 10:43 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to the Intervale Road for a report of criminal mischief. Radiator hoses on a truck had been cut.

Saturday, Nov. 7

At 12:30 p.m. Officer Jason Goff assisted a U.S. Forest Service agent on an illegal dumping investigation on federal property on Route 5.

At 12:35 a.m. on Route 232 Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Delia C. Kelly, 41, for violating conditions of release.

Friday, Nov. 6

At 3:40 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a residence for a requested welfare check.

Thursday, Nov. 5

At 9:15 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor observed a vehicle leaving a field. He followed the tracks and found eight or nine large construction-style garbage bags full of garbage. He found names on some items and contacted the subject, who said he would clean it up. The subject later showed the officer the garbage in the back of his truck.

At 4:30 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor took a report of the theft of two bottles of $50 alcohol (Scotch) and window curtains from a bed and breakfast.

At 4:30 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor took a report of a stolen wallet. The wallet was later recovered, but $600 was missing.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Tips from the Bethel Police Department

1. If you dial 911 by mistake, don't hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher what happened.
2. So that responders can find you quickly in an emergency, make sure your house number is clearly visible from the road — on the house if it is near the road, or on a mailbox or post if the house sits more than 50 feet back.
3. Watch out for scam letters and phone calls. A letter may state you have won money and need to pay a fee to claim the prize and release the money. Sometimes people will receive a check they are directed to cash, and then repay a portion to the sender.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Nov. 10, 10 a.m.: Brendan L. Escobar, 31, of Bethel, domestic assault; by BPD Sgt. S.R. White in Bethel.

Nov. 7, 8:52 p.m.: Brenda Lee Taylor, 40, of Woodstock; failure to pay fines, in Woodstock.

Nov. 4, 10 p.m.: Craig S. Goodwin, 20, of Woodstock, DV assault and violation of bail conditions; by OCSD Deputy Willie Nelson in Woodstock.

Police

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liquor."

Reading the local police log, Wight said: "Tells me they're doing a good job."

Referring to the level of activity reflected in the log, Wight said: "You won't see those numbers if the Sheriff's Department takes over."

'Needs to be explored'

"I've had exactly the opposite conversation with some other people," replied Selectman Dennis Doyon —joining Everett in urging a re-examination of the question.

"It does need to be explored," Doyon urged. "You need to do your homework."

Everett seconded that view.

"It's always prudent on the board's part to look into how we're spending the money and what kind of a service we're getting.

"Not that we're not getting a good service with what we have," Everett said.

"But I don't see a harm in looking and talking about it. I think conversation is good, because it brings up things that I wouldn't necessarily look at, or you wouldn't necessarily look at, and then we find out about these aspects."

The selectmen ultimately agreed to move on to the next step, and look at a more comprehensive proposal from the county.

But Bennett remained unconvinced, dismissing occasional criticism of the local Police Department as "grumbles, lots of grumbles — it's just human nature.

"And I don't think changing the staff to brown is going to change that a whole lot."

Skiing

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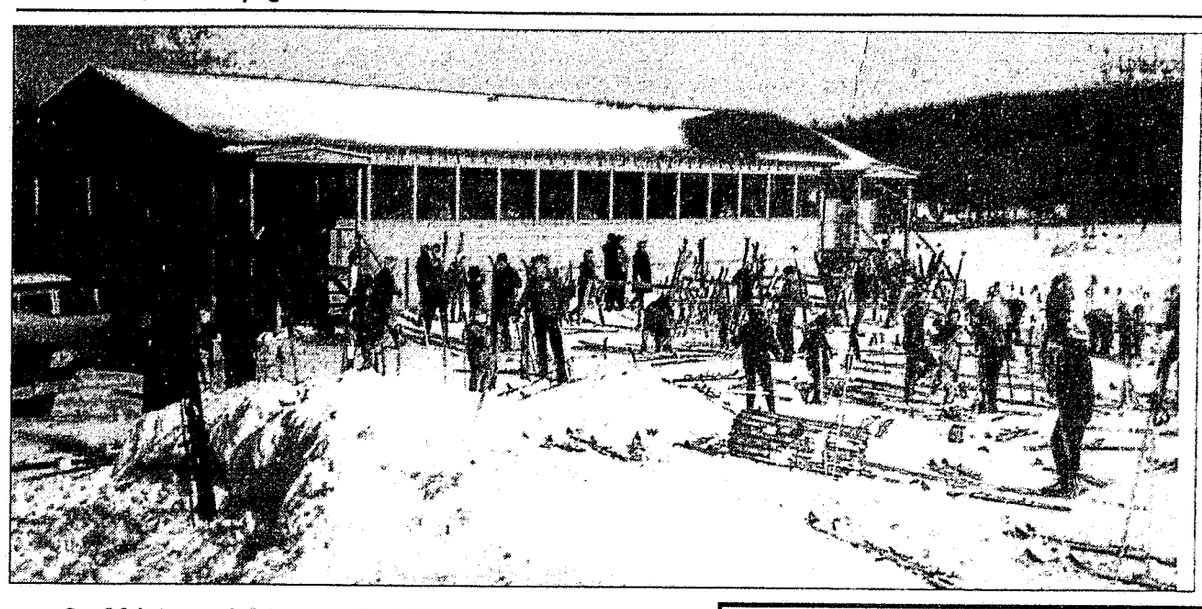

The Mt. Abram Ski Lodge, as it appeared in 1964 is shown in this Lee Weeks photo from Stephen Seames' collection.

Oral history night

Serving as a prelude to the exhibition, an oral history night will take place tonight, Nov. 12, at BHS' Moses Mason House, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will feature a panel of people who played key roles.

Among the invited participants will be Avery Angevine, and Jack Trinward, early board members at Sunday River; Connie Thurston and Ginny Cole, whose late husbands, Mike and Howard, were on that board; Paul Bodwell, also involved in early Sunday River history; Butch Fuller and Bud Howe, early ski patrollers at Mt. Abram; and Stephen Seames, an early employee at Mt. Abram.

The panelists will answer a variety of questions. Audience members will also be encouraged to add their memories.

"The people in the audience may have some good memories, too," said Stan Howe, BHS executive director.

More information on local skiing history, compiled by Don Bennett of Bethel, can be found at www.thebetheljournals.info.

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Bethel

by Donald G. Bennett

The Sweet Adeline Mollyockett Chorus is having a show at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium, this Saturday p.m. at 7. It is called "Acapella Grill." The "Meant to Be" Quartet will also perform and they are hoping that they will also have some Gould Academy students join them for the closing numbers. Tickets are available at Jades Salon and Early Realty, as well at the door the evening of the performance. They will also be doing a matinee at the Poland Regional High School at 1:30. For info, folks can call 824-4834 or 824-2122.

1987 Balloons

Who rode in a hot air balloon at Sunday River years ago? Very early one bright, Sunday morning 22 years ago, I was enjoying a slow waking up. All of a sudden I kept hearing a strange drawn-out "Shushing" sound, then less than a minute later, again — another "Shushing. "What was that sound? It was definitely a new sound to hear while lying in bed. Kathy was in Florida and our daughter, Apryl, was asleep downstairs. Suddenly a hot air balloon and crew floated by my bedroom window at eye level following our front lawn, snow covered, heading for the driveway.

I jumped out of bed, grabbed my camera off the dresser and snapped a picture as it drifted by the second window. Hey, they were going to land!

I pulled on some clothes and boots, ran downstairs and out onto the porch just as the balloon landed. The balloon people were headed for Bethel but a wind shift told them to land qu dy. And they had.

As I ran out to see if they needed help, the crew apologized for landing unexpectedly and explained that they had already radioed for their ground crew. The rest of the balloon team showed up in a few minutes. Lucky me, I got a short ride in the balloon. They tethered my ride to their truck and with one balloon pilot I got to rise about 100 feet in the air. The Shushing sound came from the gas burner which warmed air inside the balloon bag to give it lift.

Later Kathy and a friend got a scheduled balloon ride from the upper South Ridge parking lot. It too had to make an emergency landing. They landed in the parking lot by the South Ridge town houses — about a four-hundred-yard ride. (All this comes back after seeing a balloon photo in Sunday River's 50-year celebration photo album on line.)

Bethel Library Part Three
Using Computers

Adding computer technology to Bethel's library operation has covered more than a decade from 1994. While adjustments will continue, the two major enhancements installed in the library were 1) addition of a computerized book inventory and accountability (database) system and 2) connection to the Internet.

In 1994 the Librarian's report noted that the Bethel Library acquired an IBM compatible computer made possible by a grant from Tabitha and Stephen King. The report went on to say that now patrons are able to search 230 libraries in Maine through the inter-library loan system plus students and researchers may use multi-media CDRom reference works. This addition to the library's resources allowed users to move beyond book borrowing. It was particularly helpful to those who did not have a personal computer at home but knew how to use one.

In 1996 Michelle Conroy succeeded Betsy Raymond as Librarian.

In 1995 a note was made that interlibrary loan transactions continued to increase. The next year the library received a grant from NYNEX and earmarked the grant for a bridge connection that would allow connection to the Internet from the library. The library computer had a memory upgrade from 16 to 32 megabytes. The same year the NYNEX grant was used to purchase a bridge and an Ethernet card and to connect to the Bethel Data Corp. Patrons could use the library's computer to connect to the Internet.

During the town's fiscal year of July 1997 to June 1998, the library took steps to upgrade their computer with a system that could handle a filing system trade named the Winnebago Library system. The library purchased a Gateway 2000 computer with an Intel 300 MHz Pentium II processor and a Hewlett Packard printer. By May 1999 the library had installed a Winnebago Library filing system and noted in the annual library report that the patron portion was complete and book cataloging was underway.

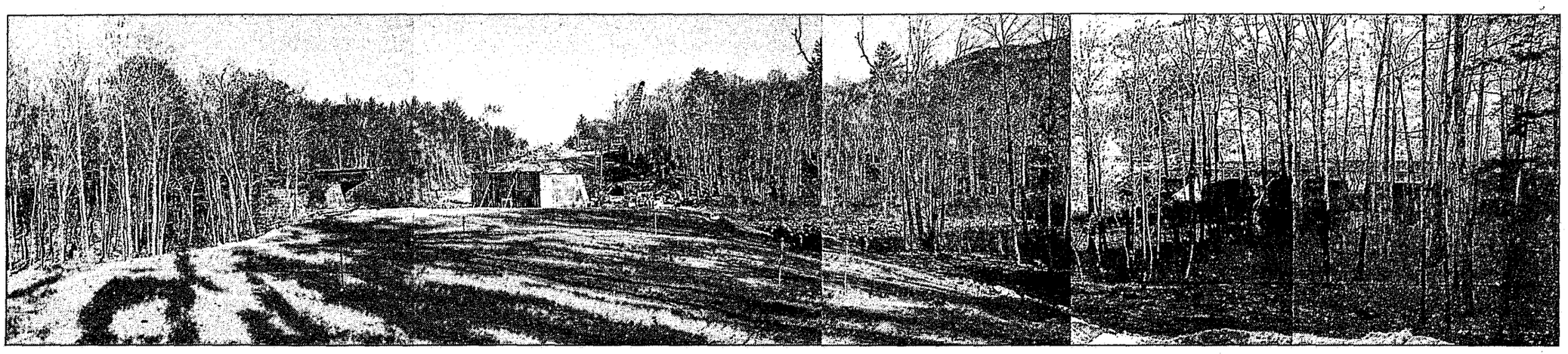
The following year the library was able to purchase another computer through a Maine State Library program for $150. This computer became a patron's computer near the librarian's desk. It gave users faster access and browsing of the Internet. At this point the reference room upstairs inherited the oldest computer for research and word processing.

By June 2002 nearly all of the library's collection had been entered into its computer files. Lorrie Hoeh and Jay Hansom were volunteer data enterers. This year the total collection amounted to 17,980 volumes. Other volunteers named were Lucia Schwarz, Mary Valentine and Carol Nielson. New employees were Kim Harrington and Kristy Aguilar. The following year the library had its entire inventory on the computer. In 2005 an upgrade to the Internet connection was completed with a T1 line in use. These steps were followed by opening a computer room upstairs with three computers connected to the T1 line and a wireless connection was running for laptops. This system was again upgraded with a fourth computer which is a server for the patron computers.

What you see in the library collection now is a small permanent label on each book's front cover that has the bopk title and a bar code for recording in's and out's with a scanner. I haven't been able to actually try out the search system on a patron computer, but the librarian's computer allows for searches by either part of the book's title or name of an author. The reference room computers have just had surgery to remove a virus, a hazard that comes with public use. Overall traffic into the library has noticeably increased as the computer facilities have come online.

Gateway to Maine reborn

Sunday afternoon we went to Gilead to see what progress has been made on the new Route 2 highway project. It is a miracle that the supposedly second-most trafficked gateway into Maine is finally getting a roadway to be proud of. The miracle has involved tremendously expensive



A PANORAMA OF BRIDGES—Don Bennett took photos of the new Route 2 bridge that is being constructed (center) over the Wild River in Gilead. Looking east, he also photographed the current Route 2 bridge (right) and the railroad bridge (left), an□

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blasting away of ledges to allow straightening as well as heavy duty grading, but it is getting there. With the work done so far one can easily see how the end result from Pleasant River to the west side of Wild River will look when finished. Sunday we took in the work being done at the new Wild River bridge — this is the work which required the old Gilead school to be relocated. The new highway bridge will lay approximately 40 feet away from the railroad bridge. Traffic arriving from New Hampshire will have almost a straight shot through Gilead and only a slight dip down and up crossing the new bridge over Wild River.

If you felt like you had been driving through a narrow, winding tunnel on this part of Route 2 all of your life, the new highway has wonderfully opened scenic views of the entire valley heading east. Previously unseen sections of the railroad are already visible as sort of a visual guide for drivers.

In 1937, The Citizen reported that the New York Herald Tribune would feature a two-column write-up about Bethel under the title "Bethel, the Gateway into Maine from the White Mountains." When the new highway improvements are finished, drivers coming from the White Mountains will have a real gateway welcoming that Bethel and Maine can be proud of. And it has only taken 90 years or so to realize it.

Bethel Selectmen

There were seven items and three of them were bound to take some time to discuss. One was repairing the Fire Station roof and how much it was expected to cost. The second sticky one was a letter of support for the Bethel Water District to alter the Bingham Deed which gave the watershed land to the water company in 1925 and later transferred to the district. Third, and one that will undoubtedly go to Town Meeting is police protection service — town or county or something else. The remaining four items included no smoking policy for Davis Park, grant application for upgrades at the sewer treatment plant, refunding a performance deposit and changing traffic flow by the new skating rinks.

At the meeting: a request for a letter of support from the selectmen concerning alteration of the Bingham Deed for the Barker Mountain watershed had been withdrawn. Roof repairs at the Fire Station may come from the original subcontractor but the town is waiting for written communications to this effect. The selectmen had no objection to changing direction of traffic in the Casablanca loop; however, that street is not a town road. The request had been made by Western Maine Transportation, the agency running Mountain Explorer. Reason: so that passengers could debark on to a sidewalk rather than into a snow bank. The Town Manager's proposal to apply for a grant to upgrade the aeration system for treating wastewater was OK'd.

Davis Park: The selectmen voted to establish a No Tobacco policy for the whole park area which includes the new skateboard park. Secondly, the Town Manager will find out the town's authority and jurisdiction for establishing a drug-free zone around the park. More parking is needed. This point was again brought up, as it is now a concern that the town must resolve.

Earl Tyler had requested a termination of his performance guarantee for developing Grand View Estates Subdivision. The selectmen voted to refund Tyler's performance deposit and that an amended agreement which would include an improvement guarantee be filed with the County within 30 days. An improvement guarantee would preclude sale of any lots until the infrastructure had been completed and inspected.

Police Department: Newry's selectmen will be invited to the next Bethel selectmen's meeting on Nov. 23 to be held at Crescent Park School to discuss options regarding Bethel's Police Department, and Oxford County Sheriff Gallant will be asked for a formal proposal on how the County might cover Bethel and/or Bethel and Newry combined. Eric Wight, who had been hired as Bethel's police chief in 1988 at the time the existing department was formed by Town Meeting authority, spoke in favor of keeping a town police department and gave reasons why. Mainly, the purpose of a town department is to guarantee reliable full-time protection coverage. Selectman Donald Bennett spoke along the same line, noting that we had all been down this road before and that the town wanted to have its own police force. For the interim the Bethel Police Department is sufficiently staffed to carry on its daily responsibilities until either a new chief is hired or other arrangements are approved by town voters.

Trail Safety: In discussing other board members' concerns it was brought up that trail users of the newly opened and fenced trail behind the Harrington (old fairgrounds) barn had been seen walking the trail into the woods seemingly unaware of hunting season. They were wearing no "hunting season" clothing. Hunters can and do hunt in the area encompassing the new trail.

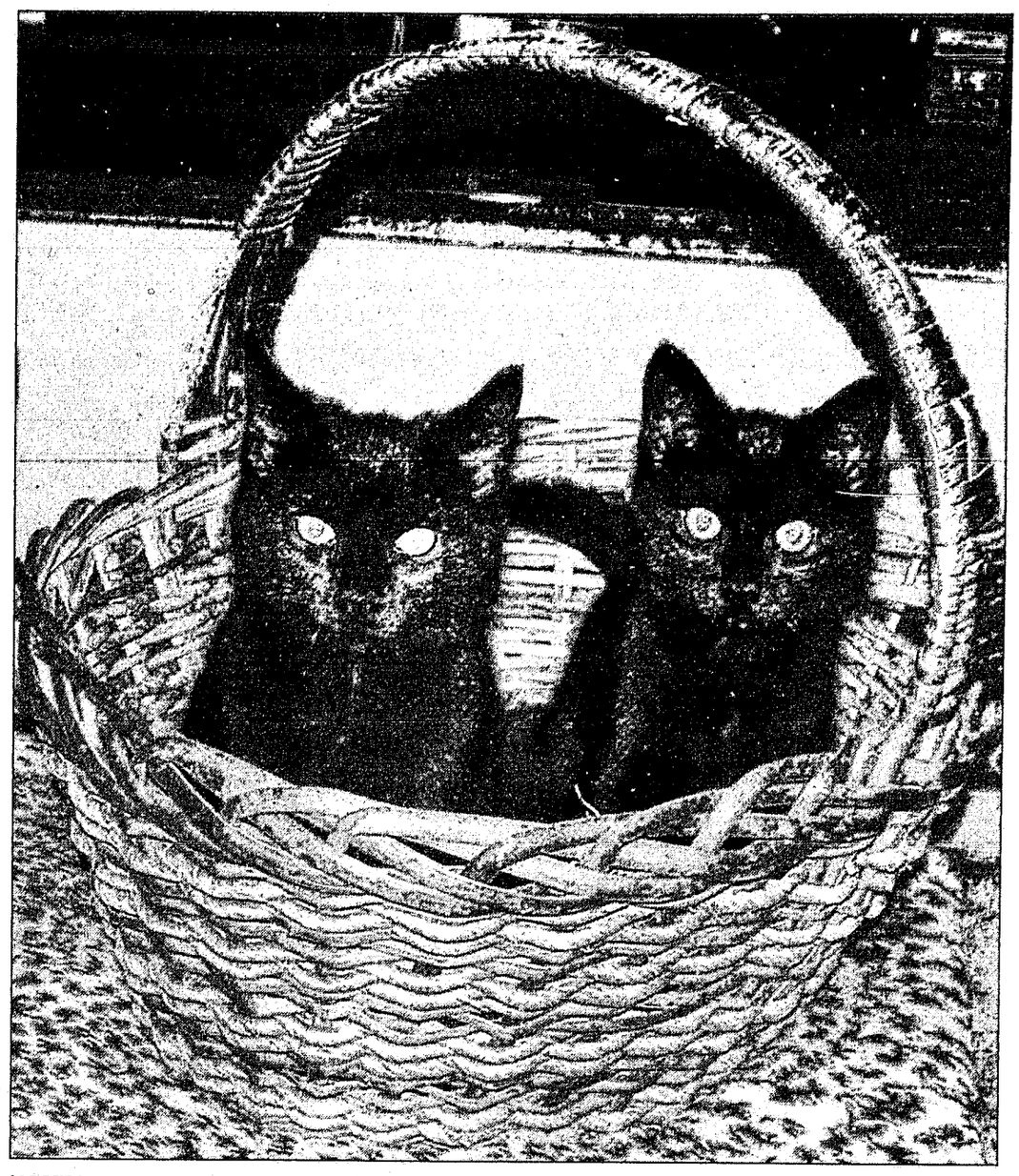
Town Clerk Christen Mason reported on voter turnout for the last election: 1,268 of 2,159 registered voters had voted.

Leah Bonnema's partner, Dustin Chafis, was in Kuwait Monday to begin a comedy entertainment tour of small bases in Iraq by helicopter.

That's it — so long until next spring. We are off to Florida for Thanksgiving and other holidays.

New correspondent

(Note: Filling in for Don Bennett while he winters in Florida is Nancy Brown. A Bethel native, Nancy is the circulation services director at the Norway Memorial Library. Nancy's grandfather, Carl Brown, purchased the Bethel Citizen in 1927, and her family published the paper until 1985.



HOMES NEEDED—Two four-month old female kittens (twins) are looking for a home. They have been spayed, leukemia tested, and have had all their shots. They are described as very affectionate. Anyone interested in adopting them is asked to contact the Bethel Animal Hospital. 824-2212.

News items may be sent to her at nancybrown1150@yahoo.com, or call 824-2483.)

West Bethel

by Lorrie Hoeh

The first measurable snow of the season came on Thursday night. We had about 1/2 inch here at the Hoehstead, and I've heard of greater amounts falling elsewhere not too far away. It looked so pretty Friday morning, like frosting on all the trees. Didn't last long, though, for the sun came out, temperatures rose, and Jack Frost licked the icing clean.

My friend, Bonnie, and I have enjoyed walking on the pipeline on our morning walks. Alas, someone is trapping there now, and we can't take the dog there as long as traps are set. A neighbor had both his dogs caught in these leg-hold traps, not knowing they were there. The law says one must post warnings for bear traps, but does not require them for coyote or fox traps. Common courtesy, however, would dictate some kind of notice to those of us who also use the area.

We're still seeing only a few birds at our feeders. I've had a number of folks tell me that they are experiencing the same dearth of feathered friends. It's a mystery to me why the numbers are so low. Does anyone have any theories?

The Senior Players performed three short plays on last Thursday evening for the annual conference of Maine Senior Colleges. Over 200 people were in the audience and were generous in their laughter and applause. Those who performed were at their best, and those of us who did props or just cheerleading were very proud of them. Many thanks to our director, Lynn Arizzi, for all her hard work and leadership, and for seeking out opportunities such as this for us to perform.

Speaking of Senior Players, they have been visiting SAD44 elementary schools to work with fifth-graders, preparing them to participate in a presentation this morning (Thursday) of "The Trial of Goldilocks" and "Crooked Town." Children in grades 3 through 5 from Andover, Woodstock, and Crescent Park will be in the audience, with the aforesaid fifth-graders participating in various ways. We'll let you know next week how it went.

Saturday night, Mike and I joined our eldest and youngest daughters and their families at the "Battle of the Blends," a fund-raising presentation of the Maine Music Society. This concert occurs every year about this time at the Franco-American Heritage Center in Lewiston. A cappella groups from around the state are invited. There were five groups this year, ranging from the Mt. Blue Voices (of which our granddaughter, Louisa Stancioff, is a member) to the Downeasters Barbershop Chorus.

Naturally, we were slightly biased toward the Voices, back for the second year in a row, but each group was terrific in its own way. The Downeasters were especially enjoyable, and they are a champion group, destined to compete in Philadelphia next year for a national title. As a finale, all five groups gathered on stage to perform a spanking rendition of "Wimoweh," which Pete Seeger and his group, The Weavers, used to sing. It had us all swaying to the music and absorbing the wonderful sound.

I note that Evanna Grover's house is now on the foundation and is in the process of being completed for occupation, maybe by Thanksgiving. It looks very nice at this point.

On a sober note, Jane Hosterman and I attended a memorial service on Sunday afternoon for George V. Larson, whom you may remember as a former executive director of the Bethel Health Center. Jane and I were both

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on the Board of Directors when George came to Bethel and assumed the responsibility, which he carried off very well. He was married to the former Kay Chadbourne, who will be returning to Bethel from Thailand, where George was president of two hospitals before he died of pneumonia, complicated by a pre-existing health problem. George was a man of many talents and interests, a hard worker, and a fine human being. May he rest in peace.

Frosty nights and sunny days continue. The gardens have been put to bed, and we await snow cover. (But not too soon!) Our grandson, Andrew, has already been skiing at Sunday River and pronounced the conditions "not too bad." We're always waiting to hear from you about what you're doing and seeing. dhoeh@megalink.net; 836-3011.

Gilead

by Lin Chapman

The weather this past weekend was great. The thermometer climbed to about 60 degrees. Just like summer!

My brother, Steve McLain, attended the Hunter's Breakfast last weekend. While he was there he ran into a few local people. He said everyone did a good job and the food was great.

He also saw Bob and Judy Bishop, who came to Bethel on Friday to attend a lecture given by Randall Bennett of the Bethel Historical Society. They stayed over to catch the Hunter's Breakfast before heading back home to Yarmouth. They stopped by our house for a short visit on Friday afternoon.

Hugh and I attended a birthday party last Sunday at Tim and Michele's house for our grandson, William Chapman. William turned 9 years old on Nov. 6. Also attending the party were the other grandchildren, Annie Chapman, Ajay Landry, and Sidney Chapman. Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau, were also there.

Our grandson, Ben Chapman, attended the Cross Country State Championships meet in Cumberland this past weekend. He runs for Ellsworth High School, which is a Class B school. He placed 9th out of approximately 100 runners. Ellsworth's team ranked 7 out of 14 teams.

Election Day was quite busy last week. We were not sure just how many voters would turn out for the seven questions. When we got to the end of the day, we had 99 voters, which gave us 60 percent of the registered voters.

Recreation Committee
by Alicia McLean

We would like to extend a sincere Thank You to everyone that donated time, food, and money for the Hunter's Breakfast, and we could never forget the people that came to eat our food and enjoy the company of those that were there. Thank You! If it wasn't for all the donations and kindness of everyone, it would not have been such a success. It will be even bigger and better next year. Watch for our next upcoming event — Holiday Potluck Social — coming to the Bog Brook Training Area near you!

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will have a regular meeting on Nov. 13 at the hall with a 6:30 p.m. potluck supper and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. This most likely will be our last meeting in the hall for this year. We will meet at Stan Howe's home with our winter hours of 6 p.m. potluck supper and the meeting at 7 p.m.

The Grange was glad to see so many veterans come for the turkey supper. This is our Community Project and has been for some time.

This most likely will be my last news column, as there seems to be no news to report. If anyone does have news, give me a ring at 824-3350 or send it to me at 1987 Intervale Road. I have enjoyed doing this. Grange meeting announcements will be in the Events Calendar after this.

God Bless the Troops.

GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON—The annual Bethel Outing Club Ski Sale took place recently at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. Here, Andrew Nesbitt and Nolan Dumont shop for gloves. *(Photo: Anne Marie Mahar)*

Andover

by Melinda Averill

Greetings Andover friends. Tomorrow evening, Nov. 13, there will be a reception to honor Sharon Hutchins, on her nomination as a "Six who Cares" recipient. It will be held at the Andover School at 7 p.m.

Thanks to Carol Emery for sending me in the following news for this week:

"I hope you have enjoyed the flowers planted in the triangle on Church Street by the post office. Again this year Foxgloves and Daisies very generously donated all the flowers for this welcoming garden. Thank you, Julie!

"Another big thank you goes out to Pete and Wanda Coolidge of Pete's Hardware for the bags of fertilizer and cow poo. It is so great to be able to just head a few streets over and get just about anything you could want, right in Andover!

"Usually the garden is planted by Carol Emery with the River Valley Healthy Communities and five or six middle or high school students. This year only Deagan Conrad showed up to help Carol with the planting, just before he headed off for his Marine Corps Basic Training at Parris Island, S.C."

Deagan was just home a couple of weeks ago after his graduation. Congratulations, Deagan! Carol's looking to recruit any middle school or high school youth who may be interested in helping with this project. Call her at 392-3161 to volunteer to help put in some tulip bulbs this weekend.

Speedy recovery wishes to Nancy Wardwell, after having heart surgery at Maine Medical Center last Thursday. Also an update on Bev Swan — she had her second knee surgery and is now at the Rumford Hospital for rehab.

Congratulations to Joseph and Robin (Michaud) Moore of South Portland on the birth of their first child, Alexander. He was born on Oct. 21 in Portland, and is the grandson of East Andover residents Gerald and Judy Michaud. Robin attended school in Andover and graduated from Telstar in 1992.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Moore of East Andover, who passed away at her home on Saturday, Nov. 7. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. at Meader and Sons in Rumford. Donations in her memory may be made to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, 284 Main Street, Suite 290, Wilton, ME. or to the Andover Congregational Church, P.O. Box 249, Andover, ME 04216.

The Mountain Valley football team will be playing on Saturday at Cape Elizabeth for the Western Class B title. Andover lads on the team are Darren Jodrey and Izaak Mills.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, there will be a Christmas Fair at the Andover First Congregational Church. It will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tables are available, call Jane at 392-3761 or Linda at 364-7968.

Also at the church, there will be a Senior Citizen Luncheon next Tuesday, Nov. 17. After lunch stay and socialize, play cards, etc. The fun begins at 12 noon and is free of charge to all senior citizens. (Note that the Food Pantry is not going to be open on this day. It will be open instead on Friday, Nov. 20.)

Happy birthday to Ella Marie Akers on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Enjoy the weekend. (Don't forget the town clock birthday on Sunday 1 to 3 p.m.!)

Hanover

by Clem Worcester

The Nov. 3 Election Day was a busy one at the Hanover Town Office with 65 percent of eligible voters showing up to vote. Three new voters registered to vote that day. Gordon Howe, Paul Ramsey, Donna Worcester and Herb Adams were the ballot clerks. Kelly Harrington was the election clerk and Clem Worcester was the election warden. Delicious homemade chicken soup prepared by Donna was served to the workers for lunch along with rolls cooked by Kelly. Dessert was carrot cake by Kelly and peach-cranberry cake made by Dottie Adams. The polls closed at 8 p.m. with all the ballots counted and results turned in shortly after 9 p.m.

Other activities during Election Day were ticket sales for the library theme baskets and wreath sales for a Boston trip by the Crescent Park fifth-grade class including Alice Pelletier and Victoria Crockett.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library drew the tickets for the theme basket sale during library hours on Nov. 4. Drawing the winning tickets were Kory and Victoria Crockett along with Forest and Alice Pelletier. The winners are Becky Richard winning "I Scream for Ice Cream"; Dimitrios Handanos winning "Framed Photo of Howard Pond Stream by Chris Howe"; Joan Tucker got "Touch of Maine"; Jen Demascio won "Color it Rainbows"; Tracy Moir's name was drawn for "Pasta Parade" while Darlene Baker took home "For the Birds"; Joann Moulton won "Old Fashion Christmas"; and the "Men's World" basket was won by Bob Susbury. Sally Arsenault won a 50/50 drawing.

The food and craft sale for the Rumford Grange is Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., as we told you last week. What we forgot to mention was that crafters are welcome to rent tables for $8 each and for more information call Vicki at 364-2129.

The Hanover Planning Board met Nov. 4 for their monthly meeting. Discussed were several projects and proposed projects within the Howard Pond region.

The Hanover Select Board will meet Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Hanover Town Office with several interesting topics on the agenda.

We have been having pretty good weather for this late in the fall. Some days are sunny and quite mild. Not so everywhere in Maine, as traveling across the state last Sunday we saw several inches of snow from Franklin County on toward Waldo County. Portions of I-95 had been plowed. When we returned home later in the day most of the snow had melted. The windswept barrens of Washington County were desolate.

If you have an item for this column please call 364-7895 or jot it down and give it to me. Darn it, I forget more than I remember most weeks!

Greenwood City

by Wayne Hakala

It's been a spring day and not the usual hunting season. Once I got to moving I did get a number of things done. And I'm still not moving too fast. Been out moving things around, picking up behind all my messes and just staying outside. Put feed in the bird feeders. Now I can wait on them rats with feathers to come around. BB is ready and willing to drive off them turkeys. Haven't seen any since I put a BB on one's rear. It went straight into the air about four feet and headed up Fran's drive.

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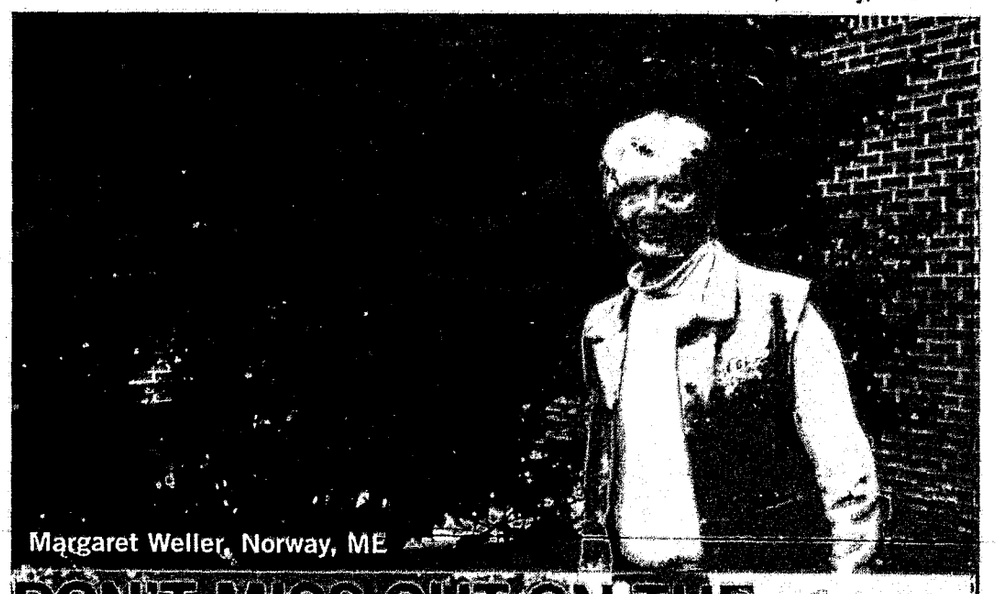

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Dan and Al finished up the trim work around the windows at the Post. Now we have to find a lady that can handle a paint brush! What a difference there is with the new windows. Kitchen is quiet and there will be no wind blowing in this winter. Now we have to get several other projects done and it will be a very good year. And to be sure when we finish one there is more rising to the surface.

At the monthly meeting on Thursday, we started out with a potluck supper. We all ate very well. And we had a good time talking. What a wonderful time to gather around a table, eat good food and visit with good friends! Then we had our meetings. We decided to start working on redoing our parking lot. It sure needs a rebuild and surfacing. I'm sure that with everyone pitching in the lot will become a reality. It sure needs to be done.

Coming up on the 4th of December, we will be doing the Christmas for Families Bingo. Last year there was close to a hundred in attendance and the night's profit from the bingo and games totaled a nice figure. We all want to see more players and make more money for this worthwhile cause. We expect to see all that was there last year and many more. Gather all your friends up and come on over. You just might win at the bingo too.

It has been very quiet around the City. Not your typical hunting season. Not even a distant shot. But then again the deer have been looking under the small crabapple tree. I guess they must have made sure I was sound asleep first. I heard tales of Tale Soup coming from the deer camp in Albany. Not so sure anyone can get fat on it though. Expect it might taste just a bit different too.

The Turkey Meal at the Alder River Grange was very good. And they show their appreciation of the veterans. Many thanks from all of us. Much appreciated and always very good.

East Andover

by Joan Stinson-Carney

My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of East Andover resident Betty Moore. Betty died on Saturday after a long illness. She was a wonderful and caring person, and I will miss her a lot. Her spring gift of Mayflowers is something I will always remember.

East Andover resident Ellie Conrad is at home recovering from an appendectomy. Ellie, aged 12, was in and out of the hospital in about 24 hours. Cards would be nice.

The Andover Firefighters Association's annual Craft Fair will be held on Dec. 12 at the fire station. Hours will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a visit from Santa expected in the afternoon. The East Andover Community Club has rented tables, and we will be selling numerous delightful things. Elaine Morton has asked me to tell you that all the tables have been rented, so it should be a great time to buy Christmas presents. I know that last year I found a lot of nice things.

I don't know how much money was spent on the Town Hall Clock repair but we should get some of it back. The clock never has the right time, and it drives me up a wall. At first I thought it was my clock that was wrong, but now I go by the time on the TV, and I hope that they are right. I know the clock is a hundred years old, and probably I should cut it some slack because if I ever live to be 100, I probably won't be able to tell time at all, much less ring a bell. I can only pray that I don't have to live that long.

East Andover resident Irving Smith is recovering from heart problems at the Ledgeview Nursing Home in South Paris. Cards and visits would be nice.

Don't forget that tomorrow is Friday the 13th. I would advise watching out for black cats, ladders, and cracks in sidewalks.

See 'ya.

Newry

by Sylvia Harrington

Correction: A couple weeks ago I reported the wrong age for the celebration of the birthday of Gilbert Seeley. She would have been 102 had she lived to Oct. 24. I apologize for this and should have been there. Gil was a lovely human being and friend.

The Bear River Trading Post is still continuing to sell hunting scents and lures. Saturday was the first full week for deer hunting, which ended with a total of 19 deer in all. The largest deer tagged weighed in at 230 pounds. The person tagging this heavy deer did not enter the contest this season.

Chili is still available at the Trading Post along with coffees and many snacks. Cameo fleece and warm gloves are still available to keep you warm on these chilly mornings. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

I talked with Sandee Dunn, who had been out grooming with Leon last week. They came across a few patches of snow along the higher elevation and trails.

The Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club held their first meeting of the new season recently. Give calls to Leon Dunn at 824-3335 or Ed Powers at 739-9618 for updated information. You may stop by the Town Office to get a list of club members and a season schedule of events. You may also join the club at that time.

SENIOR COLLEGE PLAYERS TO PERFORM—Ross and Carole Timberlake will perform "Postcards from Sicily," one of several skits at the Senior College Players public performances on Nov. 21 and 22 at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium. For more, see WMSC column, Page 11.

Upton

by Laurie Brown

Recently I was in two conversations, with two separate people concerning Back Street's old farms and the like. So, I decided to do a little research.

I was born and brought up in what I knew as the "Warrington Bartlett" place, the last farm on Back Street. The land was cleared and a log home built by Thomas Wight. Somewhere in the mid 1800s Rufus Godwin bought the property and built a house and barn. He sold to Freeland Bartlett, who built a new home. Warrington, his son, inherited the home about 1900 and lived there until he died in 1941. My folks bought the place about 1945.

Beyond Back Street going South (in Grafton) was an old cellar hole and awesome raspberry bushes that I knew as "the other farm." Actually, there was a farm there before my time known as the D. Morse farm. Bennett Morse inherited it from his father and lived there until the late 1800s.

North on Back Street, from my birthplace, on what is now known as "Pappy's Road" was the F. Ellingwood Farm.

The schoolhouse was located right beside Margaret Mitchell's camp. Uncle Ray lives where Philip Richardson built his first farm. (His family was buried in a cemetery, which was later turned over to the town. Jonathan West bought the property, sold to Alpheus Ballard, and the buildings were burned about 1926. I knew the property as "Grandpa's turnip field."

There's more, but not this time. I'm sure you'll be sitting on the edge of you seat waiting for the next chapter!

Members of the Ladies Aid Association will be showing up around midnight on Nov. 13 to begin preparations and cooking for the Hunters' Breakfast, which begins at 4:30 a.m. on Nov 14.

This week's weather is predicted to be warm — spring like, even.

Upton's tax bills have finally been mailed.

"Wit is far more often a shield than a lance." Anonymous.

Selah.

Mason

by Richard Grover

All us Grovers with roots in "the farm" were saddened to learn last week that 11-year-old Madison Flynn (Rupert and Ina's great- and Elsie Aylward's granddaughter) was hospitalized with some serious health issues. We're all awaiting word of the results of her biopsies and other test results and praying for favorable results.

A couple weeks ago, residents of Tyler Road, which follows the south side of the west branch of Pleasant River, Mason, received a short letter from the U.S. For-

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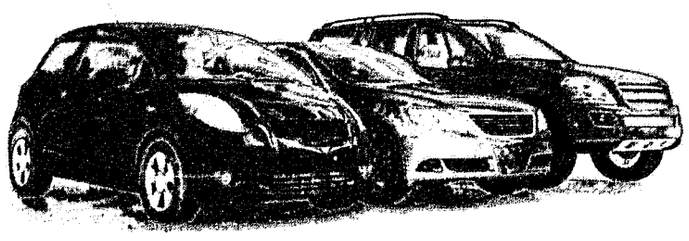

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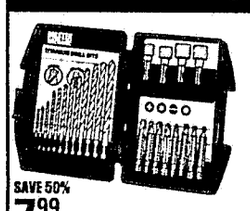

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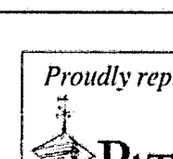

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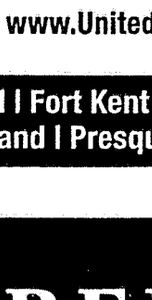

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est Service advising them that there would be equipment working along the upstream end of that road for some time. Since completion of the government purchase of the 600-odd acre woodlot at the end of that road as an addition to the National Forest, they have decided to "improve the drainage" and make other improvements to the road, including clearing the bushes and tree limbs from the shoulders of the road. In deer hunting in the area, I noticed that they also installed not one, but two shiny new gates, which will presumably prevent motor vehicles from accessing the woods roads and skidder trails in the National Forest. This is a common practice, as similar gates block motor vehicle access to lots of other National Forest roads in areas across the country.

The gate that Ms. Hoeh refers to in last week's "Citizen" is on the right fork of Tyler Road, just across Miles Brook (was Lowell Brook for you older residents) and up at the top of the first sandy hill. At least, they left a sizeable parking space in the large gravel pit just short of the gate.

The other new gate is at the end of the "straight ahead" branch of Tyler Road and blocks the old truck road leading up Waterhouse Valley to near the northwestern base of Farwell Mountain. Before this area was logged in the early 1960s there was a hiking trail (Farwell Mountain Trail) that led through this area; this trail was destroyed by the logging. The start of the Farwell Mountain Trail began at the riverbank where an old lumber and shake mill was located and where access is now blocked by a small shed and a yurt erected three or four years ago by new owners of a small lot there. The new Forest Service gate on the left side of Miles Brook also left ample parking space in what was a large log yard just short of the gate.

As a point of interest, it appears that the Forest Service is planning a new logging operation in this area, as they have begun putting in new drainage cuts (water bars) in the truck road and have attached numerous fluorescent orange/pink plastic streamers as markers either for potential skidder trails or boundary markers of some kind. There seem to be streamers scattered around the whole valley!

West Paris

by Joyce Lamb

What a pleasant, sunny weekend at last and I spent it at my favorite place, Ferry Beach. Peg Perham and I attended a banquet there Saturday evening. The hors d'oevres were exceptional and the evening meal delicious. We both had an enjoyable time and met many people we know from Maine, New England, and even west as far as Ohio.

None of the buildings are heated except for a fireplace in the large lobby. Many took sleeping bags and stayed overnight. Luckily the large chimney was one side of our room so we were warm and cozy all night.

Dressing warmly in the early morning Peg and I took a walk on the beach. The sun peeked through the clouds several times as it rose which gave the appearance of three different sunrises.

It finally got above the streaks of clouds and all was daylight. This was quite different from the summer, for we were mostly inside getting heat from the big fireplace. Now I need to go down in a snowstorm to see all blanketed in white.

Luke Ginensky and daughter visited with Joe Perham over the weekend while Peg was at Ferry Beach.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 9 a.m. the Worship Committee will do the morning service. Jim Burke is the music director. A social coffee hour follows. All are welcome.

The annual Chicken Pie Supper will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19. The tickets for the first seating will be on sale at 4:30 and the first serving will be at 5:30. The supper will be $8 for adults and $3 for those under 12. The quilt raffle tickets will be available during the supper.

Planning ahead, the annual Christmas Supper with a visit from Santa will be held at the West Paris Universalist Church on Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

Basket Classes have started at the South Paris Congo Church. Nancy Willard and Beverly Stevens are attending and each finished a basket last week.

The West Paris Library will be loaning out books from the Town Office starting Friday, the 30th, until the library addition is finished.

The hours will be Monday and Wednesday 1 to 4:30, Friday 1:30 to 6, and Saturday 10 to 2.

Muffin got excited over the white earth. She must have wondered where it all went for it was gone by afternoon.

IN HONOR OF GUY FAWKES—About three dozen people gathered at Bethel Outdoor Adventure Saturday evening for a bonfire, potluck supper and "Guy Fawkes Day" observance, organized by Jeff Parsons. Fawkes was part of a plot on Nov. 5, 1605 to use gunpowder to blow up the houses of Parliament in London, as a protest against the anti-Catholic policies of King James I. But the plan went awry when, after a tip that the plan was in the works, Fawkes was discovered tending the gunpowder in the basement of Parliament. On hearing the plot had failed, some Londoners set bonfires in celebration. Fawkes was subsequently tortured and sentenced to hanging, and bonfires became an annual tradition in observance of the "Gunpowder Plot." (Some English citizens have joked since then that they wonder whether they are celebrating Fawkes' execution — or honoring his effort to do away with the government.) *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

Locke Mills

by Lorraine Larson

It is always wonderful to have good neighbors and I have some of the best. This past Saturday, Richard Wakefield, Butch and Esther Fuller, Norm Milliard, Pete Musso, Ellie Dunham, Gilbert Dunham and Betsey Foster worked hard to get the refuse, left behind by the church, emptied out of my carport, cleaned up and taken off. It not only helped me but the church as they had intended to get it done but so many other things kept standing in the way. Anyhow, I, and my pastor, am very grateful for a job well done. It is an example of why I have always said that Locke Mills is a great place to live (because it has the nicest people living in it!).

No matter how many hours we go back I always seem to need one more, or perhaps to be more accurate, my computer seems to need one more. To say it is slow would be an understatement. I try not to be covetous, but sometimes when I see the ads for the new Windows I dream a little! I suppose I should be glad I have a computer at all, and there are so many things more important, but I would like to shake this thing sometimes!

The town offers its sincerest sympathy, a little belated, to the family of Hank Bowers, and to the Swan family on the death of Louisa Noyes. It is always so hard to say goodbye no matter how many years we have had with them.

I mentioned our Thanksgiving giveaway that our church does each year and that we got vouchers for turkeys. Well, this year we are going to be delivering the real thing because the stores did away with their vouchers. It took some scrambling for our pastor to find a place to store 100 turkeys until Nov. 21, but he was equal to the task and we are very grateful to the business that made room in their freezer for our turkeys.

Brutus, Chloe's brother, was here visiting one day last week. Both Chloe and I enjoy his visits but I did not make the connection to the fact that I had no TV for a few days afterwards until I saw Chloe playing with the cat and she ran behind the TV and across the cables. The light dawns and sure enough the cable connections were not connected. I did find out I didn't miss the TV much. The only thing I missed was the news because the radio did not seem to have as much on for news as it used to, at least not the stations I could find. Other than that I sure got along without it just fine.

We are doing "The Maker's Diet" Wednesday evenings at our church. I discovered that I am more modern than I realized when the thought of drinking raw milk and eating all the eggs I wanted sort of gave me a turn. I am wondering about things like how many people died because of drinking raw milk that no one knew about back in the days of my childhood when we all drank the stuff. Anyhow, I am not following this thing strictly, that's for sure.

It sure was scary when the base locked down there at Ft. Hood in Texas because that is the base Brent Lake, Al and Crystal Lake's son, is stationed at. You know that it is a very big place but somehow when someone you know is there it gets a lot, lot smaller! I feel very sorry for the people who were formerly from the Middle East because every time something like this happens they get treated with more and more suspicion. As one person sighed, "If it had to happen I wish it had been someone white." One can but sympathize.

The powers that be are promising us a warm week ahead so I hope everyone enjoys what may be our last warm week for this year. The ducks are still around so maybe they know something. I counted a couple dozen in the water back of this house yesterday. Until next week, enjoy!

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt

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Article 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Greenwood, Maine, Land Management Standards Ordinance and Map" September 2009, be enacted? (A true copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

Article 3: Shall an Ordinance entitled, " An Ordinance amending the Town of Greenwood, Maine Land Management Standards Ordinance, Greenwood Road Overlay District and Map" September 2009, be enacted? (A true copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

Article 4: Shall an Ordinance entitled, " An Ordinance amending the Town of Greenwood, Maine Land Management Standards Ordinance, Ridgeline and Hillside Overlay District and Map" September 2009 be enacted? (A true copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of the Cole Road, 140' from Stephen Cole's House towards the Greenwood Road. Cole Road would then be +/- 456' in length from centerline of Greenwood Road. (A copy of the map is attached and on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

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men's prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Social Hall. Nov. 20-21 is couples retreat in Mystic, Conn. Nov. 28 ladies Bible study at 9 a.m., Nov. 29 fifth Sunday with potluck dinner following the morning service. Afternoon service at 1 p.m. with missionary Tom and Debbie Gibbons updating on their work in Argentina.

Ladies Fellowship breakfast will be Nov. 14 at the Woodstock Fire Department (please note change of location). Breakfast will be put on by the DUVCW Monument Committee. Bring your extra craft supplies for a free swap. Contact Beth Hoover for more information, 665-2171.

Don't forget the Whitman Memorial Library program (today) Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Susan Jennings from the 4-H Camp, formerly the Conservation Camp, who will give a slide show informational program of what they offer. Public welcome at no charge. Light refreshments.

The West Paris Universalist Church, Main Street, West Paris, will hold their annual chicken pie supper on Nov. 19. Tickets go on sale at 4:30, first setting at 5:30 p.m. Price: $8 adults, under 12 $3.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Locke Mills Church for meeting and delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches. Nineteen members attended. Next meeting is at the Legion Hall with Forestdale children and their chimes.

Historical Society

The Historical Society deeply regrets the passing of Louisa Noyes. At various times she was its secretary, president and assistant curator. She and her family have contributed greatly to the society.

The museum features local memorabilia, art, furniture, glass, china, quilts, costumes, tools, musical instruments, posters, old photos and books. For meetings they have programs and research reports of general interest as well as a 6 p.m. potluck supper.

The 30th Anniversary meeting in November has a presentation on Disney World as its centerpiece.

Albany

by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. We hope everyone is doing well out there and keeping warm. Not that it's been overly cold (thank goodness!). The snow last week was kinda neat, especially since it disappeared so quickly.

Danny saw the snow and was so excited he had plans of building a snow fort, having a snowball fight with his brother, and sliding. But, he also didnt seem too disappointed when the snow disappeared.

I want to wish my oldest and dearest friend, Franny, a happy birthday!

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford

by Rockie Graham

We have been perusing Facebook. It is still mostly Greek to me, but I am trying. I do find it is hard to trust using the site and all the information that people put on it. I am not chatty enough. Dave is more into it. It is a beginning for now.

Dave and I have both been working extra as several of our co-workers decided to take vacations at the same time. Joe went to Japan and Darlene to Mexico; and we find going to Lewiston a long trip. I guess I did my traveling in my younger days. Now I prefer staying closer to home.

Sunday, we attended Granddaughter Sarah's 6th birthday party. Happy Birthday Sarah! All had a great time.

Glad to see it warm up some this week. I know it won't last, but maybe by the time the temperature drops, again, I will have some of my warm clothes out. Do not think I need to buy anything, but I do need to change around and put my summer clothes in storage and get out those sweaters and flannel-lined pants. I have been resisting that, but the time has come.

Tasha is spending more time next to the woodstove. She is doing a little better, for now. Just had to get her more MSM, but it does seem to help.

Sunday, the 15th of November, Fare Share Market will hold their annual meeting at Fare Share Commons at 4 p.m. Following the meeting there will be a potluck supper. Bring your own place settings.

Still ongoing, ACOA — Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families — meets on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Waterford Library. The library is on Route 37 across from the commons. FMI call 743-0583.

Son David Jr. shot a deer on Saturday. It was a six-pointer. Maddy was all excited to see it. She was dancing around and then sat there and watched it for what seemed like hours. Guess all that shooting we heard was from nearby. We had some for breakfast. It was great!

Starting to think about Thanksgiving. We plan to invade Becky and Jeff's house and cook a turkey and all the extras. Maybe we'll even stuff it with several kinds of stuffing this year. It is my favorite holiday because it seems so much more sincere and no one is all hung up on presents they can't afford. One year I ate three suppers because everyone wanted me at their house. It was fun but needless to say I ate too much. This year I will confine it to just one supper.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the warm days while they last.

HEADLESS, BUT NOT HELMETLESS, HORSEMAN
Shaynah Seames, 12 of Bethel, daughter of Randall and Dawn Grondin, riode her AQHA Rio Wolf Creek (a.k.a Zues) through Bethel on Halloween. The pair costumed as the headless horseman and gained the attention of many fellow trick or treaters and treat givers. Zues would like to thank the couple down in the park who presented Zues with several apples. Zues lives at Orchard Hill Farm in Bethel.

From

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day before the holidays. Why not make the day less stressful by avoiding the crowded parking lots and canned Christmas music in the typical big-box stores and malls!

In Bethel, we have two events running simultaneously, Bethel's Local Craft and Wares Fair, where 40 crafters and local product producers gather in the Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center, and the Buy Local Rewards program, with more than 20 participating local businesses participating.

The doors at the Local Wares Fair will open at 9 a.m. The Bethel Inn Conference Center is located off Main Street, Bethel, behind the Northeast Bank. Hundreds of one-of-a-kind items will be for sale — perfect for gift giving in any season. Free horse-drawn wagon rides through Bethel Village will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m., sponsored by Oxford Networks. Interested riders should gather in front of the Bethel Library on the Bethel Common.

The Buy Local Rewards program participants welcome you throughout the Bethel area, offering an unrushed experience as well. Plan to come to, or stay in Bethel and spend the day enjoying our traditional New England charm. The Wares Fair will end promptly at 4 p.m. and most shops are open for at least another hour.

For more information on the Local Wares and Crafts Fair and the upcoming Country Christmas in Bethel, call the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282 or view our website at www.bethelmaine.com.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

Western Mountains Senior College Players of Bethel will present their annual performances on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy, Bethel.

Lynn Arizzi has directed the Players for the past four years and this year is being assisted by Lorie Hoeh. Arizzi said Senior Theater is based on the premise that participation in theater does not require memorization of scripts. However, after four years, Arizzi said "this group has greatly enhanced their amazing talents; and while some use scripts, others do not." The troupe was invited to perform for the Annual Maine Senior College Conference in South Portland Nov. 5, and also performed two intergenerational plays with the fifth-grade students of SAD44 on Nov. 12. "This is further evidence of the growing talents of the troupe," added Arizzi.

A total of nine comic and serious plays will be performed at the public performances. However, Arizzi said "with the exception of 'A Merry Regiment of Women,' different plays will be presented on each date. The public is invited to enjoy both performances for a weekend of theater."

"A Merry Regiment of Women" by Rae Shirley features many of Shakespeare's characters. The women gather to complain about Will's treatment of them in his plays, but three of his male characters show up to refute the claims. Participants include Lorrie Hoeh, Carole Timberlake, Roberta Taylor, Joanne Morse, Arita Zitoli, Mary Colbath, Ross Timberlake, Norman Milliard, Joe Arizzi and Karen Paul.

One of the comic skits, "Cornbread and Beans" by Earl Reimer, features a newcomer to the Players, Norman Milliard, playing a 72-year-old man who has made a blind date with Ellie, played by Mary Colbath. They meet in a restaurant and are served by a very perky waitress played by Tineke Ouwinga. They find they are two different people but in the end, "Do they find common ground?"

"In the Tank" by Rosemary Frisino Touhey is the story of two very different lobsters played by Joanne Morse and Tineke Ouwinga. These two not only have philosophical and comical takes on their lives but also have interesting takes on the people who stare at them "in the tank."

"Postcards from Sicily" by Jules Tasca features Carol and Ross Timberlake, portraying a couple who visit Sicily to see relatives. The events on their visit are both hilarious and unbelievable.

Another play by Jules Tasca, "Switching Rooms," is the hilarious story of two nuns, played by Rosabelle Tifft and Barbara Dion, another newcomer to the Players, who have a problem about their rooms.

"New Tricks" by Adam J. Ruben features Arita Zitoli as a grandma who is not exactly computer literate and her granddaughter, played by Karen Paul, who comes to help.

"Welcome to Acceptance" by Terryl Paiste features Lorrie Hoeh as a bank teller and Roberta Taylor, who intends to rob the bank.

"The Challenge of Bureaucracy" by Carole Glickfield features Rosabelle Tifft as one whose Social Security check is late. She gets the run-around from government agencies with Karen Paul, Barbara Dion, Tineke Ouwinga, and Walter Brough all participating in the run-around.

"Victorious Revelations" by Adam Stuart Littman features Joe Arizzi and Walter Brough who have some comical conflicts starting in the gym of an independent living complex. Karen Paul also participates.

The public is invited to attend both performances and admission is free. However, donations will be accepted to offset royalty fees. For more information, call Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

On Thursday (today), Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room, 14 Broad Street, a panel of eight to ten persons who are familiar with the early days of Sunday River Ski and Mt. Abram Ski resorts will be featured as the final presentation of the 2009 Bethel Historical Society Lecture Series focusing on Oxford County history. Both ski resorts had their beginnings

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NOTICE: The annual meeting of Project Opportunity, Inc. will be held in conjunction with its regular Board of Directors meeting on November 18, 2009 at 4pm at Telstar High School in the Principal's Conference Room.

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approximately fifty years ago this year and the society will open an exhibit on this ski heritage on Nov. 21. This oral history session is open to everyone and there is no admission charge. Panelists will answer a variety of questions about the early days, and those attending are encouraged to add any memories they may have to the discussion.

Book Signing

Dean Bennett, author of "Nature and Renewal: Wild River Valley and Beyond," will present a PowerPoint program and sign copies of his recently published book on Friday, Nov. 27, at the Bethel Historical Society. The event will take place between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the exhibit hall of the Dr. Moses Mason House at 14 Broad Street (corner of Broad and Mason streets).

Many of us have taken the remarkable Evans Notch Road along the Maine/New Hampshire border from Gilead, Maine, through the White Mountain National Forest to Fryeburg, Maine, without thinking about how different the land might have been in years past. It's now a place of beauty, with Caribou/Speckled Mountain Wilderness on the Maine side of the road, and Wild River Wilderness in New Hampshire on the other.

This is the story of Wild River Valley, a magnificent wilderness in a relatively unknown valley, circumscribed by high, steep mountains. It is also the story of the valley's rogue river, Wild River; of a raging wildfire and the disappearance of an entire village community; of both land abuse and land stewardship; of ecological disaster and renewal; of nature's vulnerability and resiliency; and of people who experienced tragedy and good fortune. Amazingly, through the centuries a single mighty hemlock tree survived to be a living witness to it all.

Dean Bennett, who has spent a lifetime exploring the natural world and its human connections, brings to life this surprising story of the power of nature to renew. Illustrated with photographs and maps and Bennett's beautiful illustrations, Nature and Renewal has a message for everyone. Issued by Tilbury House Publishers of Gardiner, Maine, the book contains 340 pages and retails for $16. During November and December, members of the Bethel Historical Society are eligible for a 20 percent discount on copies of the Wild River book, plus other regularly-priced items available in the society's Museum Shop (located next door at the Robinson House) or through the society's website (www.bethelhistorical.org

Dean B. Bennett is professor emeritus at the University of Maine at Farmington. Born and raised in Maine, he received a Ph.D. in Resource Planning and Conservation from the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan with special emphasis in environmental education, a master's degree in science education from the University of Southern Maine, and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Maine at Farmington. He is a journeyman cabinetmaker, having completed a four-year apprenticeship at the F.O. Bailey Company in Portland, Maine, through the Maine State Apprenticeship Council, and after receiving a bachelor's degree in Industrial Arts Education at Gorham State Teachers College, he taught industrial arts in the Yarmouth, Maine, school system for several years. Much of his professional life, however, has been devoted to teaching, writing, and illustrating books in the fields of science and environmental education, natural history, and human relationships with nature. He served as the first environmental education school curriculum specialist in the Maine State Department of Education. He was among one hundred educators selected by UNESCO to participate in the first world environmental education conference in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He received the Percival Baxter Award for Leadership in Wilderness Preservation from the Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Environmental Activist Award for protection of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway from the Natural Resources Council of Maine, and the Teacher of the Year Award from Maine Audubon Society.

This is his ninth book in the nature/environment field. His other books include: "Maine's Natural Heritage: Rare Species and Unique Natural Features"; "Allagash: Maine's Wild and Scenic River; "The Forgotten Nature of New England: A Search for Traces of the Original Wilderness"; The Wilderness from Chamberlain Farm: A Story of Hope for the American Wild"; On Wilderness: Voices from Maine" (in collaboration with Phyllis Austin and Robert Kimber), and three children's books about nature, which he also illustrated. He enjoys playing a plectrum banjo and hiking, canoeing, and skiing with his wife, biologist Sheila K. Bennett, in the north woods of Maine.

LEE BEAN PAINTING FOR RAFFLE—The Western Maine Art Group (WMAG) has received a donation of an original Lee Bean watercolor painting, from the collection of Suzanne Grover, to be raffled in December as a fundraiser for the nonprofit arts group. The painting is currently on exhibit at the Lajos Matolcsy Arts Center, the historic schoolhouse gallery owned by the WMAG at 480 Main Street in Norway. For more information see WMAG column.

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This beautiful still life of a garden cottage on Monhegan Island is a fundraiser to help keep the Lajos Matolcsy Art Center in Norway open for the winter months to accommodate the many people who are taking art classes. Funds will also be used to help with the constant improvements to the historic gallery, which has become a center for the arts in the western Maine area.

A student of Hungarian Fine Arts Professor Lajos Matolcsy, Lee's paintings hang in many homes and businesses in Maine as well as all over the country. Lee is one of the founders of the WMAG and her outstanding talents won her many awards over the years. The drawing for the painting will be held during the WMAG annual Holiday Party on Dec. 6. A limited number of tickets are being sold. You do not have to be present to win.

Ticket prices are one for $5, six for $10, and 15 for $20. You may purchase your tickets at the Art Center on Thursdays, Fridays, or Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In Norway, tickets are also available at Books N Things and 100 Aker Wood. In the Waterford-Bridgton area tickets are also available from WMAG Board Member Nancy Engdahl: 583-6677. Do not miss this chance to own a Lee Bean original and to support the WMAG. FMI go to www.thewmag.org/content/view/news and for more information on the nonprofit art group, please visit www.TheWMAG.org.

From

Waterford Library

The next meeting of the Waterford Library bridge group will be Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

A Socrates Café gathering will be held at the Waterford Library Dec. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere, where divergent views will be welcome. The theme for the December meeting is Individual Rights vs. the Common Good: Which Is More Important?

SPECIAL VISITOR FOR CPS, THIRD-GRADER—At the recent Grandparents' Day at Crescent Park Elementary School, third-grader Preston Slade Fultz got a special treat when his grandmother, Dr. Myrtle Fultz, flew in from Richmond, Va. for a family visit and to attend the CPS event. Grandparents and special people of CPS students were invited. Mrs. Lavoie's third-grade students greeted their special guests with handprint keepsakes and grandparent stories. The remainder of the time was spent on grandparent interviews, discussing and ordering a few of the interesting inventions of the past hundred years, and playing a word building game.

(Correction: two photos of Grandparents' Day at CPS in last week's Citizen should have said the pupils are second-graders.)

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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays – **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS,** take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. – **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. – **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. – **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. – **Bethel Snow Twisters,** 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. – **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thru Jan. 2010 – **At Norway Library:** Local scenes: paintings and prints by Cynthia Burmeister. FMI: 743-5309 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

Saturdays and Sundays thru Nov. 15

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Wreath Sale by Fifth-graders** at Hannaford store (IGA). Proceeds for fifth-graders' overnight field trip to Boston. If unable to be at store, contact Crescent Park School or e-mail hanscoma@megalink.net for order form.

Thursday, Nov. 12

2 p.m. – **Whitman Memorial Library,** Bryant Pond, guest speaker will be Susan Jennings of Extension Education 4-H Camp and Learning Center, Bryant Pond. Slide show and information on programs for schools and community and time for questions. Open to public at no charge. Light refreshments.

7:30 p.m. – **Panel Discussion** on Mt. Abram Ski and Sunday River Ski resorts at Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room, 14 Broad Street.

November 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 and 22

8 p.m. (Nov. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21) and 2 p.m. (Nov. 15, 22) – **"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying,"** presentation by Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association at Norway Grange, 15 Whitman Street, Norway. Tickets: $12 adults, $10 senior citizens and children 12 and under on sale at Books N. Things, Norway. FMI: call 739-6200 or visit www.ohmpaa.org.

Friday, Nov. 13

1 to 6 p.m. – **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Gould Academy's Bingham Gym.

7 p.m. – **Sharon Hutchins, Andover,** will be honored at a reception for her award as a WCSH 6 Who Care recipient at Andover Elementary School Gym.

Saturday, Nov. 14

4:30 a.m. – **Hunters' Breakfast** at Upton Ladies Aid building. Adults $5 and under 12 $3.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **10th annual Craft Fair** at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris. Craft tables available at $10 (call Lynne Wheeler at 743-7086 ext. 5330 by Nov. 7).

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Craft Fair** by Rumford Seniors at 50 Congress Street, Rumford. Knit and crochet goods, food table, raffles, 50/50, attic treasures, Chinese auction, coffee and muffins available.

Mollyockett Chorus of Sweet Adelines International perform "Accapella Grill" at Poland Regional High School 1:30 p.m. and Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium, Bethel at 7 p.m. Both performances include students from host schools. Tickets: $8 adults and $5 children under 12 available at Jades Salon and Early Real Estate, both in Bethel, from chorus members and at door. To sponsor, need tickets or information call 824-3824, or 824-2122.

7:30 p.m. – **At Oddfellow Theater,** Buckfield: **Rodrick Russell,** stage hypnotist. Tickets: $15 all seats.

Nov. 14, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. 701 Main Street, Oxford. Attend only one for certificate (daycare providers, foster parents, Maine Guides, forestry and non-healthcare related positions). FMI: call Patty at 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Saturdays, Nov. 14, 21 and 28

7 to 10 p.m. – **Jones Dance Band** plays old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults: $5. Lunch counter open. FMI: call Marilyn Ramsay at 743-5723.

Sunday, Nov. 15

2 p.m. – **Holiday Chinese Auction,** South Paris Legion Hall, sponsored by American Legion Unit 72. Doors and lunch counter open at 12 p.m. FMI: call 743-5723 (Marilyn Ramsay).

2 to 4 p.m. – **Alan Day Community Garden** meeting at Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Street, Norway. Open to public. Healthy snacks provided. FMI: Ken (890-6102) or Seal at sealrossingnol@hotmail.com.

2:30 p.m. – **"Down-Mountain and Cross-Country: 140 Years of Skiing in Maine,"** narrated digital slideshow at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Free admission. FMI: call 773-9609 or e-mail schussme@yahoo.com.

Monday, Nov. 16

10 a.m. – **Essentials of College Planning,** free workshops at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street, South Paris. FMI or to register: call (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

Week of Nov. 16 thru 20

Gideon Hastings House Dinners, 22 Broad Street, Bethel, to benefit new Skate Park. Enjoy an Italian cuisine. 50 percent of food sales and 100 percent of gratuity will be donated to Bethel Skate Park. Buy gift certificate from now to Christmas and 20 percent of proceeds will help the park.

Nov. 17, Dec. 14, Jan. 19, Feb. 23

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Healthcare Provider Re-certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 7701 Main Street, Oxford. FMI: call Patty 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

9 to 11:30 a.m. – **SeniorsPlus Mobile Office** at Rumford Community Center, 50 Congress Street, to assist consumers with re-enrollment or enrollment, if desired, in Medicare Part D prescription plan. Appointment required (800-427-1241). Free and open to public. If snow, Mobile Office will cancel.

Friday, Nov. 18

7 p.m. – **Greenwood Special Town Meeting, (date changed from Nov. 17).**

Thursday, Nov. 19

5:30 p.m. (first setting) – **Chicken Pie Supper** at First Universalist Church, West Paris. Tickets on sale at 4:30 p.m. ($8 and $3 for under 12). Menu: all meat chicken pies, squash, peas, potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and dessert pies. Craft items, raffle on quilt. Proceeds from quilt split with West Paris Library for building fund.

Friday, Nov. 20

10:30 a.m. – **Oxford County Education Association-Retired** luncheon/meeting. Speaker: Henry Carbone, MEA-R, will give Legislative Update. Silent auction and calendar raffle. If not on phone tree, call 743-7677 to reserve lunch.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus Mobile Office** at Norway Town Hall, 19 Danforth Street, to assist consumers with re-enrollment or enrollment, if desired, in Medicare Part D prescription plan. Appointment required (800-427-1241). Free and open to public. If snow, Mobile Office will cancel.

Saturday, Nov. 21

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Holiday Fair** at Lovell U.C.C., Route 5, Center Lovell. Fresh balsam wreaths, berry bowls, fir pillows, baked goods, luncheon, etc. Complete Thanksgiving dinner raffle.

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22

Bethel Senior Players perform several plays at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium, Bethel. Time to be announced.

Sunday, Nov. 22

2 p.m. – **Karin Spitfire,** performance poet, first poet laureate of Belfast and wilderness guide, presents her unique poetry with Jim Mello and Tom Fallon at First Light, 28 Congress Street, Rumford. Free. Refreshments. FMI: call Tom Fallon at 364-7237 or 357-6505 or e-mail tf@maineliterature.org.

Monday, Nov. 23

11:30 a.m. – **Essentials of College Planning,** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI or to register: call (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

Thursday, Nov. 26

12 to 3 p.m. – **Thanksgiving Dinner** at Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar parking lot). All welcome. Please RSVP to 824-2289 by Nov. 15. Transportation available.

Friday, Nov. 27

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – **Book Signing** by Dean Bennett, author of "Nature and Renewal: Wild River Valley and Beyond," and Power Point program at Bethel Historical Society's exhibit hall of Dr. Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street. FMI: 824-2908.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4031 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-Noon.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info.. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3332

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows- Saturday mass at 6 p.m.. Rev. Angelo Levasseur. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale. I Special services: Fall Festival weekend - (Oct. 11) on the deck of North Peak Lodge; New Time Alert: 9:00 am; and the special annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service- (Dec. 24) by the upstairs fireplace in Barker Mtn. Lodge; 7:30 pm. Regular services start the following Sunday (Dec. 27). For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singsperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug. ; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am, Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m., Monday Diaconnette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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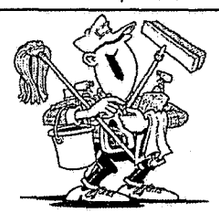

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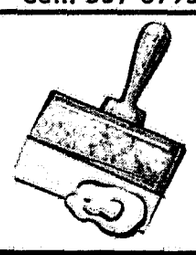

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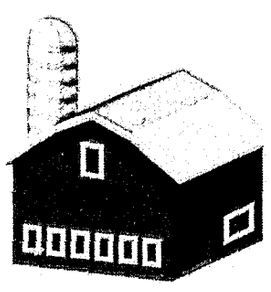

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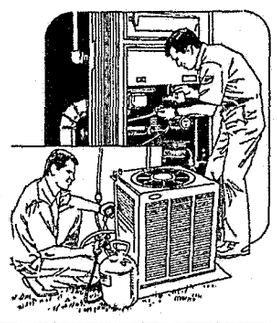

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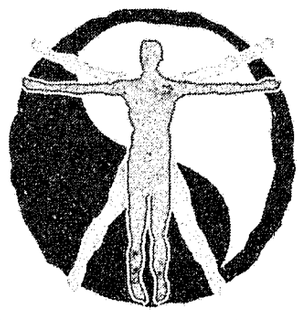

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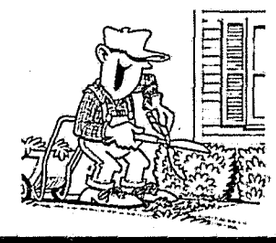

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Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club met Friday, the 6th, in the Fare Share building, Main Street, Norway at 9:15 a.m.

A 5 table Howell movement was enjoyed. Finishing first in flight A were Pete Cummings and Dick Allen with Pat Quinn and Luke Merry second. Third were Suzanne Andrews and Carol Curran who also were first in flight B.

Finishing second in flight B were Jim Fallon and Richard Worthington, third were Cindy Kirchherr and Denny Raymond.

Next Friday there will be another game same time and place; a partner is always guaranteed. All bridge players are cordially invited, parking is in the rear. For information call Les Buzzell 783-4153 or 754-9153 or e-mail at buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

The Friday following Thanksgiving, the 27th, there will be no game.

Sports

High School Varsity Field Hockey

Gould Academy , Kents Hill School 2; Nov. 6: Gould played an extraordinary game by decisively winning the MAISAD semi-final game. In a scoring bonanza, Gould controlled much of the game. Scoring their first goal at 18:38, the Huskies never looked back. Gould blistered Kents Hill with 18 shots and 6 penalty corners. Mallory Turndorf led Gould's scoring efforts with four goals while Erin Smith knocked in 2 and Ashley Swan and Hannah Doughty each tallied one goal. Stephanie Savage, Merritt Harlan, Justine Myers and Annie Kantelis provided offensive catalyst from the midfield. Gould's defense was equally outstanding with great performances from Savage, Tomi Chipman, Meghan Costello and Hailey Irving. Oona Butler had a super day in net with five saves. The Huskies look forward to taking on Hebron in the MAISAD Finals on Wednesday.—from Gould sports reports

ON THE MOVE Gould Academy junior Ashley Swan of Bethel brings the ball down field past defenders in Gould Academy's MAISAD semi-final win against Kents Hill. *(Photo: D. MacKnight/ GA)*

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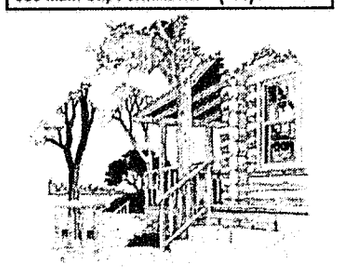

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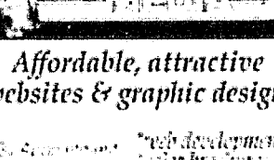

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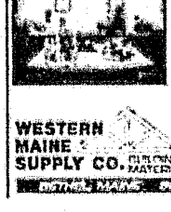

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Jason Forget to Drew A. Turnbull of Cumberland, Lot 2 in Eagle Ridge Subdivision. $215,000, Aug. 12, 2009.

Edward A. and Mary Jo Kennett to Mark J. and Kristin B. Sweeney of Berlin, Mass., land at 35 Main Street. $40,000, Aug. 27, 2009.

Savage Land Development, LLC to Thomas A. and Marnie M. Dean of Cumberland, land and building at 9 Holly Place (Lot 16 Johnson Park III Subdivision). $204,895, Aug. 21, 2009.

Savage Land Development, LLC to R&L Realty Trust Richard Goulet, Trustee of Bethel, land; part of 869 East Bethel Rd. $30,000, Aug. 7, 2009.

Ronald Savage to James G. and Melissa L. Doar of Bethel, land and building at Lot 4 Eagle Ridge Subdivision off Vernon St. $235,500, Aug. 14, 2009.

Gary J. and Anne M. Stuer to Jonathan and Shanta Hoff of Hanover, property at 175 Walkers Mills Rd. $229,000, Aug. 6, 2009.

GREENWOOD

One West Bank FSB to Deutsche Bank National Trust, Santa Anna, CA, land and building at 29 Lakeview Lane, $309,000 (property acquired at foreclosure auction for less than the outstanding balance), Aug. 8, 2009.

Leonard and Linda LeBlanc to Asam and Stacy Gammon of Rumford, land and building, 693 Greenwood Road, $65,000, Aug. 13, 2009.

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No new transactions recorded.

WOODSTOCK

Terrance Goan to Lena Pulkkinen of West Bethel, land and building at 1053 South Maine St., $108,000, Aug. 31, 2009.

Adam and Jaclyn Stickney to Nicholas Bass of Melrose, MA, land, Lot 1, in Fuller Hill Estates, Aug. 28, $72,000.

Richard and Donna Kushebe to Randi Mack of West Paris, land at 155 Perkins Valley Road, $40,000, Aug. 28.

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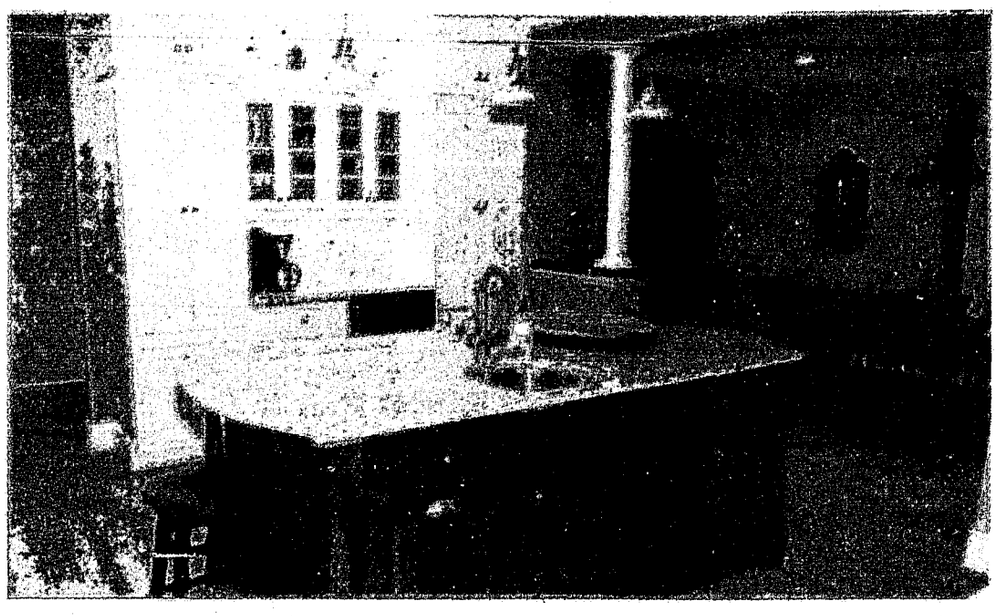

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Get your home ready for winter!

by Chris Garner
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Winterization of your home comes in several forms. Earlier in the year I discussed plastic over your windows, new windows, insulation in draft areas and some other key points to reduce your heating bill.

But there are also steps that you can take to reduce your heating costs in the way you get your home ready for winter every year.

First: Programmable thermostats. These thermostats are proven to reduce your heating bill by allowing the temperature in your home to fall when you don't need it. During the day when you are either not home or moving around the temperature can be lower than when you bathe. Sleeping under the covers requires less heat as well, as does saving the sun pass through your windows and passively heat your home.

When considering new windows —really opening up the south side of your home can reduce energy costs if you get a lot of light.

Second: Maintain your furnace or boiler. Contact your local service technician and have him tune up the system. A cleaning annually can boost your efficiency by 5 to 10 percent annually. A little soot can really put a dent in your wallet.

Third: Remember to change any filters in your forced hot air system. Clean filters mean clean air and easy air flow. Leaving your filters dirty reduces the flow of air in your system and reduces efficiency. This also puts an under amount of backpressure on your air handler and can lead to early incognizance (failure).

Fourth: Seal your sill plates! I cannot stress enough how much cold air is let in through the space between your house and your foundation.

Until recently, fiberglass insulation stuffed in this area was used to cut down on draft. I have been using the cans of expanding foam to seal and fill all gaps and cracks. Call a professional or try it if you're handy. This plus the fiberglass really proves to make for a warmer house.

Fifth: Draft-stops should be bought and saved. Purchase door draft stops. They are available on line, in stores and on TV. Although these are not inexpensive, proper care and storage means they should work for years to come. They can pay for themselves in one winter.

Wood and oil can be a great way to heat. Baseboard and hot air can heat evenly and efficiently. If you can create and evenly heated house and then use wood to maintain and increase that warmth then it can prove effective. Heating a home on wood alone can be costly because it leaves hot pockets and doesn't distribute the heat actively. By bringing your home to temperature and then reducing the thermostat, the fire can often require less wood to keep the house warm.

There are several new passive (no mechanical parts) solar heating systems. Next month I will explain the how's and why's of the solar heating systems, the benefits and their faults.

Feel free to email me @christophergarner1@me.com or visit our website;www.WesternMaineHomeRepair.com and fill out the online form to ask any questions or send ideas for a column, we'll print your question if selected!

Homework essential to successfully buying your first home

(ARA) - Are you considering taking the plunge and buying your first home? If so, you're not alone. Across the country, owning a home still represents the American dream for many and the opportunity to buy your first home couldn't be better.

Declining home prices, increasing numbers of foreclosed properties and unique government stimulus programs are luring potential homeowners into the market. But, purchasing a new home is more challenging than it was just a year or two ago. Relaxed lending standards over the past decade led to one of the greatest housing market booms in the nation's history, and have now contributed to one of the greatest housing market crashes. Lenders who were previously able to easily lend to most homebuyers have now severely tightened their lending standards, making it more difficult for potential buyers to obtain financing.

If you are still ready to make the jump from renter to homebuyer, here are some tips from FindLaw.com, the world's leading online source for legal information on how to prepare to purchase your first home.

Carefully inspect your credit report

Lenders check your credit report to see if you have the means, the capacity and the track record to pay the mortgage on the home you would like to purchase. The better your credit score, the more likely you will obtain a favorable interest rate and terms on a mortgage.

To learn what your credit score currently is and if there are any mistakes on your credit report, contact the three major consumer credit reporter companies - Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. The Fair Credit Reporting Act mandates that each of the consumer credit reporting companies must provide you with a free copy of your credit report at your request once every 12 months. If you find mistakes on a credit report, notify the credit reporting company in writing of the mistake. The reporting companies must, by law, investigate the disputed items unless they find that the dispute is frivolous. Credit scores are based on a range of 300 to 850 and a score of 700 or more suggests good credit management, according to Experian.

Become familiar with mortgage terms and conditions

A mortgage is a legal agreement between the lender and the buyer of a home in which the property is collateral for the loan. A lien on the property being purchased secures the promise to repay the loan. Never sign any legal documents, including a mortgage, if you do not clearly understand the terms and conditions of the agreement. If you feel pressured to sign a document, walk away and seek the assistance of an attorney or trusted real estate professional.

Shop around for your loan

Contact at least three financial institutions to obtain information on mortgage rates, terms and conditions for a first-time homebuyer. When you believe you have enough money for a down payment, obtaining a pre-approval letter from the lending financial institution can speed the purchasing process along. Sellers may be anxious to sell a property in today's market, but they're just as anxious to avoid a buyer who is unable get a mortgage to pay for their property.

First-time home-buying programs

As you consider buying your first home, look into local, state and federal programs that may offer financial assistance for first-time homeowners. Check with your mortgage lender to learn more, and to see if you qualify for the 2009 first-time homebuyer's tax credit. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 expanded the first-time homebuyer credit by increasing the credit amount to $8,000 for purchases made in 2009 before Dec. 1, 2009. In most circumstances, the 2009 credit does not have to be paid back, but be sure you fully understand your obligations before you count on not paying back the credit.

You also may be able to obtain a bridge loan and apply the funds to your closing costs. Additional information is available at www.hud.gov and www.irs.gov. If you're a military veteran, the Veteran's Administration also offers special loan programs for which you may qualify.

Hire a real estate professional

Buying a home will probably be the largest financial transaction you will make in your lifetime, and it's a process that can leave you feeling overwhelmed. Most buyers often rely on their realtor, loan officer or closing agent to guide them through the purchase process. If you feel that you do not clearly understand the purchasing process, or you would feel more confident if you had additional expertise to make a sound decision, consider hiring an attorney who specializes in real estate law to review and negotiate your offer to the seller, to review your mortgage and closing documents, and to be present and represent you at the closing. Hiring an experienced real estate attorney would be especially useful in dealing with the complexities of purchasing a foreclosed home.

Do your homework

When shopping for a home, take the time to research neighborhoods where you would like to own a property. There are many online tools to help you research the schools, property taxes and values and crime statistics. Visit as many open houses as possible in the neighborhood, and as well as nearby shops and other facilities that add value to owning a property. As you narrow down your home choices, work closely with your attorney or real estate professional to obtain a professional inspection of the structures and to understand any disclosures made about the homes.

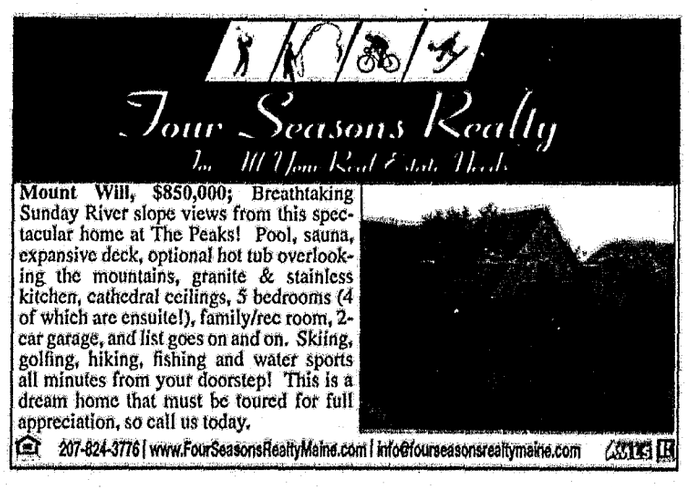
Consult with friends and family

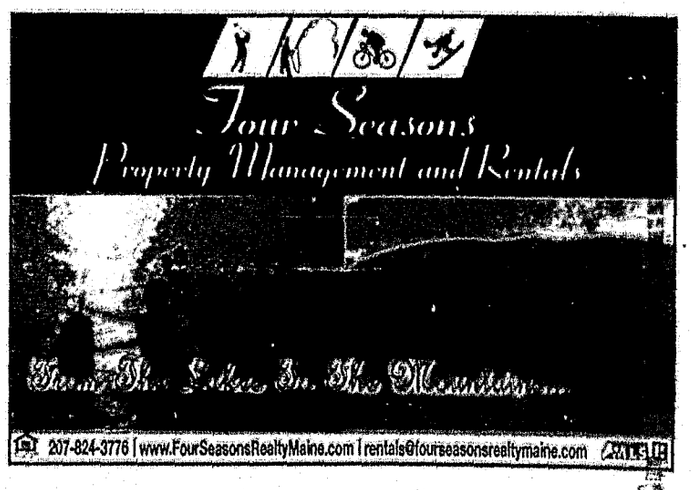
Experience is often the best teacher. When you start looking for your first home, consult with a parent or friends who have purchased homes to get their perspective of what to look for in a home, and what to expect in terms of ownership and maintenance.

Co-buying a home

If you're interested in co-buying a home with a friend or a future spouse/partner, work with a real estate lawyer to clearly define the arrangement and the sharing of the title. Working things out up front will reduce potential problems if circumstances change.

For more information and tips on buying or selling a home, visit realestate.findlaw.com. *Courtesy of ARAcontent*





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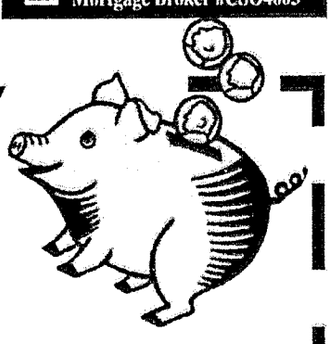
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THE COLONY - NEWRY
$169,000 -- $499,000

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$185,000 -- $209,000

TAYLOR WOODS - BETHEL
$29,900 -- $70,000

RIVER GLEN, INTERVALE ROAD - BETHEL
$34,900 -- $84,900

MEADOW VIEW ESTATES- NEWRY
$49,900 -- $79,900

ELLINGWOOD MTN, NORTH ROAD- BETHEL
$72,000 -- $80,000

HANOVER PINES- HANOVER
$34,900 -- $39,900

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$170,000 -- $215,000

POWDER RIDGE - NEWRY
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HARBOR HILL - WOODSTOCK
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BETHEL AREA
Bethel Village Area Village Enjoy this meticulously maintained 3 bedroom cape within easy walking distance to Bethel Village. Hardwood floors, gas fireplace and open kitchen/living area. $210,000

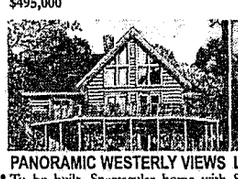
PARADISE ROAD HOME
Great in town location on Paradise Road. Three bedroom home with large great room featuring a stone fireplace. Two car garage, screen room, nicely landscaped yard. Walking distance to town. $249,000

BEAR RIVER WATERFRONT
Bear River waterfront. Beautiful custom built home on gorgeous Bear River waterfront. This 3 bedroom home has a wood-burning stone fireplace, cherry cabinets, granite countertops, and hardwood flooring. Front porch, gazebo, back deck. Furnished. $370,000

POWDER RIDGE HOME
Spacious 5 bedroom set-up for 2 families. Stone fireplace, master suite in loft, open design. Laundry, kitchen and living room on each level. Wrap-around deck, large windows. Turn-key, comes furnished. Don't wait! $495,000

TAYLOR WOODS-RIVER ACCESS
Newly built log sided home located in Taylor Woods Subdivision. Home features a stone fireplace, hardwood floors, a spacious family room, porch. Deeded access to the Androscoggin River. $300,000

BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL
Spacious Colonial near Bethel Village. This 4 bdrm home has plenty of room. Large yard in a private location with attached 2 car garage. Hardwood flooring throughout the first floor. Open concept, large fireplace,lots to offer! $270,000



PANORAMIC WESTERLY VIEWS
To be built. Spectacular home with spacious great room w/fireplace and French door access to sun deck and bay window sitting area. 1st floor master bedroom suite. Unfinished w/o basement w/provisions for a 4th bath. Stone & Cedar $457,000

LOG HOME AT POWDER RIDGE
Spacious log home located at Powder Ridge with great views of Sunday River Ski Resort. Nice open floor plan with cathedral ceiling and lots of windows. Newly added master bedroom and bath. Being sold furnished! A great price not to be missed. $429,000

IN TOWN BUNGALOW
Charming bungalow style home with beautiful hardwood floors and many nice details. Large front porch plus a screened in back porch. Nice large loft bedroom with great details. Detached garage. $170,000

THE CHAPMAN INN
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Rt. 2,10.2 acres widev rights for Condos	$450,000
Thompson Lake Waterfront, 7.2+- acres	$399,000
Gilead: 38 acres on the River	$285,000
Bethel: Intervale Road: 28.6 acres	$200,000
Thompson Lake Waterfront, 1.58+- acres	$199,000
Thompson Lake Waterfront, 3.40+- acres	$199,000
Thompson Lake Waterfront, 70+- acres	$199,000
Norway: Lake & Mtn. Views, 14 acres	$129,900
Newry: Douglass Rd. resort views,1.36 acre	$127,000
Bethel: Birchwoods Sub. Lot 9.920+- acres.	$124,000
Bethel: Vernon street in town lot	$110,000
Newry: Red House Village,.25 acre	$110,000
Mountain Valley Sub.,1.47 acres	$100,000
Newry; Bear River Rd.,views, 32 acres	$95,000
Bethel: Swan Hill ,beautiful views, 2.020 acres.	$90,000
Webb River Waterfront ,8.9 acres	$89,000
Norway: Fantastic Views, 6 acres	$79,900
Taylor Woods Riverfront Lot 1.7 acres	$70,000
Newry: Mtn. View Road.,7.9 acres	$62,500
Bird Hill Road Lot: 2.84 acres	$57,000
Bird Hill Road Land: 124+ acres	$50,000
Oxford,near the lake 1.89+- acres	$45,000
Milton:Poland Rd.,wooded/private, 10 acres	$44,500
Bethel: Nevel Road Lots	SOLD
Hanover: 6.130+- acres, wooded/private	$34,900
Woodstock: Rocky Road .95 acre lot	$30,000
Woodstock: Great Mtn Views, 7.5 acres	$29,000
Woodstock: Level/Wooded, 3.1 acres	$28,000
West Paris: Hidden Acres, 2 acre lot	$24,900

Condominiums

LOCKE MOUNTAIN Q4 4bed/4bath, fireplace, end unit, slopeside	$579,900
LOCKE MOUNTAIN M4 4bed/4bath, fireplace, end unit, slopeside	$570,000
POWDER RIDGE TOWNHOUSE #25 3 bed/2.5bath, tri-level, furnished	$269,000
PINE HAVEN DUPLEX UNIT 1A 3bed/2.5bath, private location	$254,900
MILL HILL CONDO 3 bed/2.5bath, in town, low fees, furnished	$229,000
NORTH PEAK III UNIT 111, 2 bed/1bath, furnished, slopeside	$209,000
RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, post & beam, skylights, sleeps 9,furnished	$209,000
RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, skylight, furnished, Washer/Dryer, shuttle service	$199,000
EDEN RIDGE 6F 3bed/2 bath, fireplace, walk to town, nice views, furnished	$179,900
EDEN RIDGE 6E 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, walk to town, new carpet, furnished	$174,900
RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, post & beam construction,furnished, shuttle service	$175,000
LAKE CHRISTOPHER 2bed/2bath, furnished, waterfront-private beach & dock	$171,900
EDEN RIDGE 4C 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, walk to town, views	PENDING
SUNRISE 120A OR 131A 1bed/1bath, slopeside,furnished,	$129,990
SUNRISE C105 1bed/1bath, furnished, slopeside-nice trail access	$129,900
CHAMBERLAIN B10 2bed/1bath, end unit, fireplace, furnished	$115,000
BROOKSIDE END UNIT 1bed/1bath, locker, slopeside, furnished	$113,900
31 PARK STREET CONDOS 1-3 bed/1-2bath, village location	$99,000+
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CAMERON HOUSE 1-3bed/1-2bath units, nice village location	$79,000+

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SEASONAL RENTAL: Cozy 2 room log cabin, 20 minutes to Sunday River. Perfect for 1-2 people. Includes fully equipped kitchen, fireplace, utilities not included. $3,500 plus security deposit, 603-744-6128

SEASONAL RENTAL: Viking Village. 31 Viking Village Road. 700 feet to ski trail. 207-824-2315.

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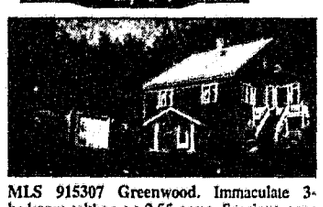

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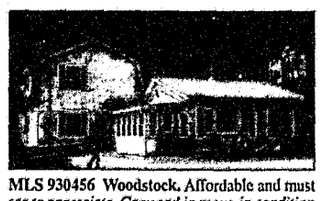
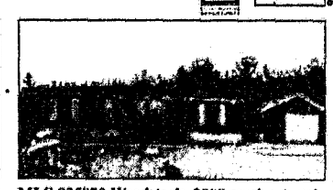


MLS 930456 Woodstock. Affordable and must see to appreciate. Cozy and in move-in condition throughout, this adorable conveniently located home is all updated and clean as a whistle. Offers large new addition with family room and large master bedrm. above. Backyard patio for privacy. Appealing country style kitchen and sunny enclosed porch. $99,900



MLS 935870 Woodstock. 2008 ranch privately situated at end of road with local views. Three bedrooms, large kitchen, dining area, large living room, breeze way and one-car garage. Shared green space abuts property adding to it's privacy and recreational feature. 1.2 acres. $130,000

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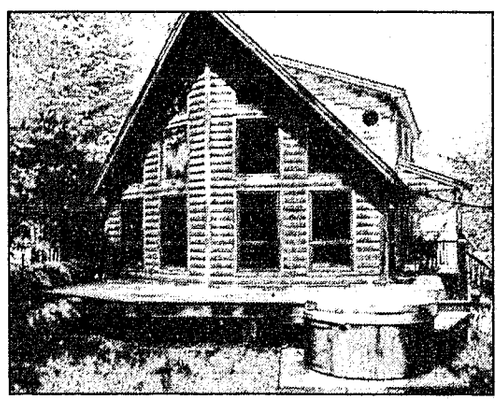

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PENDING!

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Unit #2	3 BR	SOLD
TEMPEST RIDGE TOWNHOMES		
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Unit #1	3 BR	$299,000

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155	STUDIO	$11,000
233	STUDIO	$15,500
332/334	1 BR + LOFT	$25,000
156	1 BR	$27,000
235/237	STUDIO + 1 BR	$28,900
337	2 BR	$29,000
162/164	STUDIO + 1 BR	$29,900
236	1 BR	$32,000
248/250	STUDIO + 1 BR	$35,000
352/354	1 BR + 1 BR	$39,500
327	2 BR	PENDING
152/154	STUDIO + 1 BR	$42,900
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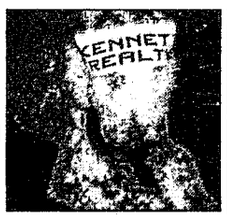
109/111	STUDIO + 1 BR	$31,000
483	2 BR	$33,000
330/332	STUDIO + 1 BR	$35,000

Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (soon to be syndicated)

So Ben, it seems the lazy, crazy, hazy dog days of summer are behind us!
But Jerry, what memories we have sown. How about running throughout the gravel pits and jumping in their reservoirs? What carefree spirits were we!
Ben, the deal with the gravel pits and surrounding ground water is that one day you've encountered a veritable oasis and the next day a dried up mucky hole.
Jerry, that's a rather gloomy, however, perceptive reflection on life at times. Which, by the way, is why it is so important to "seize the day." We are going to make an immediate resolution to incorporate more fun in our lives.
Any suggestions, Ben?
Yes Jerry, we will seriously take up down hill and cross country skiing. We will reside at any of a myriad of beautiful and most competitively priced vacation homes with crystal blue skies and refreshing air caressing our senses whilst sipping hot cocoa with mushy marshmallows.
You're right, Ben. After all, unlike felines, we only live once!!!



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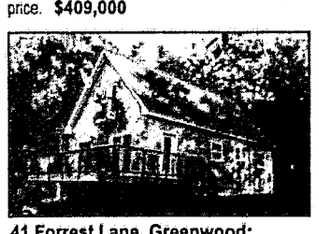
NEW PRICE

121 Keystone Dr, Powder Ridge: 4-BR/3-bath home with sweeping views. Open floor plan, cathedral ceiling, soaring stone fireplace, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, & wrap-around deck. A family retreat for all seasons. Prime location, great price. **$409,000**

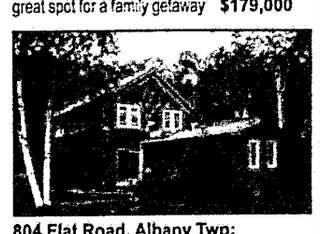
NEW PRICE

South Shore Road, Lot 2, Albany Twp: This five-room cottage is situated on a waterfront lot with 144 feet of prime water frontage on Songo Pond. It has western views across the pond which is wonderful for swimming, boating and ice fishing. This is a great spot for a family getaway. **$179,000**

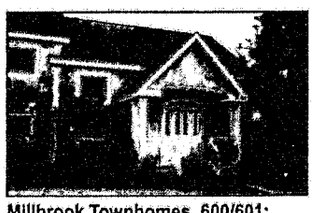
Unit 5F, Eden Ridge Townhomes, Bethel: Only end unit currently available. 2BRs 2 baths, open floor plan, wood-burning fireplace. Bright and sunny with sliding glass doors on either end. Upgrades include cork floor & new countertops in kitchen, new washer & dryer and new hot water heater. **$169,000**



41 Forrest Lane, Greenwood: 3-BR/2-bath home in the South Pond Shores development. Open concept living/dining/kitchen area with cathedral ceiling, master suite with loft area, deck & full daylight basement. Members enjoy access to the beach on South Pond, boat slips, and dock area. **$299,000**

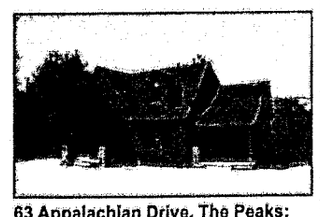


804 Flat Road, Albany Twp: Colonial on beautiful 4+ acre lot with frontage on Pleasant River. This country style home features a large living room with wood flooring, woodstove & hearth, master suite, country kitchen, screened in porch & attached 2-car garage. Outbuilding. **$299,000**



Millbrook Townhomes, 600/601: This unique townhouse is situated along the 1st fairway at the Bethel Inn Resort. The 3-BR unit features a lockout master suite with bath, kitchenette, fireplace & patio. A private entrance lets owner rent out a portion of the townhouse while using the other. Furnished. **$329,000**

1322 Intervale Rd, Bethel: 3-BR/2-bath home on 6.7 acres with Androscoggin river frontage. Open concept living space is enhanced by the vaulted ceilings. Master suite on the main floor and 2 bedrooms on the 2nd floor with a shared bath. The basement is set up for a rec room. **$209,000**



63 Appalachian Drive, The Peaks: Enjoy expansive slope views from this custom-built 6-BR/5-bath home. Featuring all the incredible finishes that you would expect in a mountain retreat plus designed to accommodate family & friends with bunk rooms, large gourmet kitchen and more. **$1,150,000**

Land

NEW PRICE Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 10: Panoramic views of hole 18, Mahoosuc Range, and the ski slopes. Gradually sloping home site provides design flexibility. **$189,000**

9 Vista Rd, Newry: 11-acre lot at The Peaks with panoramic views. Access to hiking and snowmobile trails near Mt. Will. Building package available. **$149,900**

Swan Hill, Lot 2, Bethel: This mountain location is easy to access - just perfect for your next home. The 2.66-acre lot has a level building site but offers amazing mountain views. **$79,500**

Lot 72, Powder Ridge: A great opportunity to purchase an affordable building site. The 1.14-acre lot has paved private road and power on site - the soil has been tested and the land surveyed. **$49,500**

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Obituaries

EDWIN J. WAITE

Edwin J. Waite, 86, of 5 Gleason Street, Mexico, Maine, died Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009 at Maine Medical Center, Portland.

He was born in Mexico, Maine, the son of John and Albina Gallant Waite. Educated in local schools he went on to become a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army. He was employed at Boise Cascade for 47 years as a crane operator and welder. He also was a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Survivors include his loving wife, Vi Olson Waite; daughter, Susan Goldberg of Portland; daughter-in-law, Karen Waite of Rumford; sister, Doris Jollota of Vermont; and grandchildren, Dr. Alissa Thomas, Patrick Waite, Elaina Waite, Tyler Goldberg, and Cameron Goldberg. Also surviving are many nephews and nieces from the Waite and Olson families. He was predeceased by sons, Donald Thompson and Gregory Waite; brothers, Howard Waite and Joe Waite; sisters, Bea Rinaldo and Viola Paltinowick.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Johns on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m.

G. NORTON LUCE

G. Norton Luce, 76, of Coplin Plantation and Tenants Harbor, passed away Nov. 4, 2009 from cancer.

He was born Oct. 20, 1933, the first son of C. Richard and Rachel (Norton) Luce of Farmington. He graduated from Kents Hill School and Wentworth Institute, Boston. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corp in the Philippines.

He married Jean Harris Woodbury of Portland on June 28, 1958 and lived in Farmington. He was manager and part owner of the family businesses: Farmington Oil Co. and Luce Oil Co. before moving to Carrabassett Valley and founding Mountain Fuel Co. and Valley Gas Co.

He was an avid skier and lifelong Sugarloafer. He was the chairman of Carrabassett Valley's first Planning Board and first selectman of Coplin Plantation, and served many years as an officer or director on the boards of the Maine Oil Dealers Association, Kingfield Bank, Eastern Ski Association, Maine Ski Council, Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club and Downeast Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of Coplin Plantation and Tenants Harbor; son, Robert Luce and his wife Jan of Carrabassett Valley; granddaughters, Erica Luce, Emily Luce, Erin Luce, Elise Luce and Noelle Lake, all of Carrabassett Valley; daughter, Johanna Harris and her husband Kyle of Black Mountain, N.C.; brother, Jonathan Luce and his wife Barbara of Farmington; sister, Suzanne Twitchell and her husband Norman of Wilton; and nine nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 7, in the Richard Bell Chapel at Sugarloaf with the Rev. Pamela Morse officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the Sugarloaf Ski Club Scholarship Fund, Village West Box 13, Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947. Condolences may be sent to his family via e-mail to info@wilesrc.com.

JOHN WYNNE BURKE

John Wynne Burke, 62, of Greenwood, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, of pancreatic cancer.

Born Jan. 3, 1947 in Portland, Maine, he was the son of the late Charles and Bessie Burke, and spent his childhood in Kittery, where he discovered his love of the sea and of the snow. While attending Traip Academy, he began a lifelong dedication to the sport of skiing, becoming a member of the Mt. Agamenticus Ski Area ski patrol in York in 1964. His advanced education began at Maine Maritime Academy and concluded at the Calhoun Engineering School in Baltimore, Md., where he became a marine engineer.

John and Kathleen Johnson were married in a small waterfall ceremony on July 12, 1973. He settled in North Berwick, Maine for many years, where he raised his family, hunted, fished, tended bees, harvested sugar maple sap, and continued skiing. His career as a Merchant Marine engineer on oil and LNG tankers lasted many years and took him around the globe, but he was always happiest to come home to Maine.

After many winters of driving the two hours each way almost daily to ski at Sunday River Skiway, in 1998 John and Kathi relocated to a beautiful home on Twitchell Pond, and John retired from shipping. In the following years, John pursued his passion for skiing and became a PSIA Level II ski instructor at Sunday River, helping many others develop a deeper understanding and love of his cherished sport. Summers found him either on the pond, playing golf, or most often on his motorcycle, always surrounded by friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his daughters, Heather Fay and Kristin Summers; sons-in-law, John J. Fay and Christopher Summers; and his two granddaughters, Mackenzie Belle Summers and Morgan Riley Summers, along with his extended family of brother and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Wherever John lived or worked, he made lifelong friends across the country. Although he was not able to live a long life, he lived a full life, and will be missed by many.

At John's request, his ashes will be scattered at the mouth of the Piscataqua River in Kittery on an outgoing tide. There will be a celebration of his life gathering at the Matterhorn Ski Bar, Sunday River Road, Newry on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, 15 Strawberry Avenue, P.O. Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04243-0819 or The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at pancan.org.

BETTY ANN MOORE

Betty Ann Moore, 83, of the East Andover Road, East Andover, Maine, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at her residence with her loving family by her side.

She was born in East Andover, Maine on March 2, 1926, the daughter of Erville and Blanche (Crooker) Schneider. She graduated from the Kingston High School in Kingston, Mass., Class of 1944.

Betty worked at Atlantic Research in West Hanover, Mass., and later as a seasonal worker at Ocean Spray in Lakeville, Mass.

She was a 4-H Leader, member of the Service Circle in Andover, member East Andover Community Club. She helped with Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Andover, Maine and Middleboro, Mass., where she was active in the church choirs. She was a member of the Ellis River Riders Club and the Plympton Wranglers Club in Plympton, Mass.

She enjoyed going to Bingo with her friends and doing errands for them. She loved hunting, skiing, swimming, fishing with her husband and fishing with Uncle George Crooker at their "Secret Fishing Hole." She and sister Beatrice went cross-country skiing for several miles up to her 81st birthday. She annually went to White Cap Mountain blueberry picking. She was a hard worker and took care of her family. She raised her children to be strong willed and hard workers. In her declining years her daughters, granddaughter, sister, niece, and Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice took care of her. "REST IN PEACE MOM."

She was married in Hyannis, Mass., on May 8, 1952 to Sam F. Moore who died in Lewiston, Maine on Dec. 1, 1989.

Survivors include daughters Sandra Wainwright of East Andover, Maine, Shirley Geloran and husband Robert of Weymouth, Mass., and Sharon Thomas of East Andover, Maine; son, Sam F. Moore, Jr. of Middleboro, Mass.; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; many nieces and nephews; sisters, Beatrice Schneider of East Andover, Maine and Phyllis Silva and husband Gilbert of Havana, Illinois; a great Aunt Louise Leach of Canada; and was predeceased by a brother, Erville Schneider, Jr.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford, Maine, with the Rev. Jane Rich officiating. Interment services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover, Maine. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, 284 Main Street, Suite 290, Wilton, ME 04294 or to the Andover Congregational Church, P. O. Box 249, Andover, ME 04216 in her memory. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.meaderandson.com.

Engagements

Funk — Hanscom

Erinn Marie Funk, daughter of Lee and Suzanne Funk of Freeburg, Ill., granddaughter of Thomas and Patricia Rushing of Columbia, Ill., and Kenneth and Laurine Funk of Freeburg, Ill., is engaged to Jay Daniel Hanscom, son of Brian and Wendy Hanscom, of Newry, Maine, grandson of Norman and Eleanor Davis of Newry and Rodney and Kathleen Hanscom of Bethel.

Jay and Erinn met while volunteering during an Americorps service year in Atlanta, Ga. These best friends are planning a Nov. 21, 2009 wedding in the bride's home state with a Dec. 5, 2009 open house reception at 2 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall in Newry.

Births

Kaya Fitzmorris and Tyson Jordan, Auburn, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Kegan Bryan Jordan, born on Oct. 9, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are John Fitzmorris of Bryant Pond and Tammy Fitzmorris of Norway.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Jan Jordan of Poland.

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Grayson and Renee Wakefield of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Sophia Louise Wakefield, born on Nov. 3, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Roderick and Lori Royer of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Cindy and Joe Campbell of Bethel and Richard Wakefield of Greenwood

Sophia Louise joins her sister, Gracie Lynn Wakefield, 3 years old.

Born to Maranda J. and Taneli T. Koskela of Bethel, a son, Carson Ayden Tyler Koskela on Sept. 30, 2009. Carson joins Hunter, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Clay and Judy Gould.

Paternal grandparents are Linda Koskela and Jim Mann.

Great-grandparents are Robert and Janet Gould and Eleanor Koskela.

Town of Greenwood
PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on November 17, 2009 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, Bird Hill Road Greenwood, ME to act on the application for a Class XI Spirituous, Vinous & Malt Restaurant License as filed by My Abram, LLC 308 Howe Hill Road Greenwood, ME 04255.
Kimberly Sparks
Town Manager

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Thank You

The family of Louisa Noyes would like to thank everyone who helped us through her last days. Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice workers were invaluable.

Andrews Funeral Home, nurses at Stephens, Ledgeview, Dr. Seaborg and Cindy all deserve our gratitude.

Thanks are extended to family and friends for the many cards, food, donations, and attendance at the graveside service, beautifully done by Pastor Sondra Withey.

Elena Noyes
Hugh and Denise Swan
Melanie and Duffy Ellsworth & Family
Ross and Becky Swan & Family
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A most grateful "thank you" from Karen Gray
to all the people involved in the memorial for my father Leroy Gray and stepmother Brenda Gray on October 17, 2009

The Bethel Town Manager, Jim Doar; Bethel Airport Advisory Committee; Bethel Police Department; Police Chief of Bridgton, Dave Lyons; Maine State Trooper Association, represented by Sgt. Michael Edes, Tony Milligan and the Maine State Troopers Color Guard; and longtime friend Byron Lapham, who coordinated the event, which took place at the Bethel Airport.

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